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Militant to face assault allegations

Allegations of assault and intimidation against Labour Party members opposed to Militant Tendency have been made to the party's inquiry into the Liverpool branch, with evidence that Militant opponents have been prevented from contesting council seats and candidates have been forced to take a "loyalty oath."
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Ship sinks

Two unidentified crew members died and another is missing after the British-registered freighter Stanley Bay sank off Spain's north coast in a storm.

Libya warned

The US, in what appeared to be a warning to Libya, notified civilian air traffic officials that US Navy fighters will be conducting operations off the Libyan coast next week.

Irish jockeys refuse to race

Six jockeys have been reported to the Irish National Hunt steeplechase committee after refusing to ride in a novice chase at Limerick. They had complained about the dangerous nature of the track, but their objection was rejected.

Merger off

The Ladbroke and Granada groups have called off merger talks. The chairman of Granada, Mr Alex Bernstein, said: "We simply couldn't agree terms".
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Government shaken at public humiliation over Westland leak

Outraged Tory MPs call on Brittan to quit

- **Conservative backbenchers increased the pressure on Mr Leon Brittan to resign last night, accusing him of putting the Prime Minister in an impossible position**
- **The Government was shaken by the news that the Prime Minister had not been told Mr Brittan had authorized a critical Westland leak**
- **Westland's share price soared as two mystery buyers in the stock market were prepared to pay more than 150p. Two days ago the shares were 90p**
- **Mr Neil Kinnock compared the controversy to the start of the Watergate scandal which brought about President Nixon's downfall.**
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Mrs Thatcher leaving the Commons after making her statement yesterday and Mr Brittan arriving earlier at the Department of Trade and Industry

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Pressure on Mr Leon Brittan to resign became even more intense last night as Conservative backbenchers accused him of letting the party down and putting the Prime Minister into an impossible position.

The renewed clamour for his resignation came after Mrs Thatcher had earlier revealed in the Commons that a critical leak during the Westland affair had been personally authorized by Mr Brittan.

At a private meeting of the backbench 1922 Committee well over half the 20 speakers called for the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to stand down and to ease the crisis into which the Government had been plunged.

The party meeting, packed and tense, rallied behind the Prime Minister, some of them praising her performance in the Commons House.

But there was negligible support for Mr Brittan, and any member who dared to sound a sympathetic note was left in no doubt it had not been the right thing to say. Some MPs even announced that they would not be supporting the Government in Monday's debate in protest at his conduct.

Mr Barry Porter, Conservative MP for Wirral South, was reported to have been speaking for the majority of those who contributed to the debate when he asked: "On Monday am I asked to support the Prime Minister, which I shall, or am I being asked to support Leon Brittan, which I will not."

Sir John Page, MP for Harrow West, who has been critical of Mr Michael Heseltine during the Westland dispute, hit out at Mr Brittan, saying that he had put the Prime Minister in "an impossible situation".

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, MP for Tiverton, angrily pointed out that in his statement on January 13 Mr Brittan had omitted to mention that he had authorized the leak. "The party is entitled to expect a higher standard of conduct," he is reported to have said.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook, Conservative MP for Orpington, and a loyalist, indicated that he would not be supporting the Government on Monday and said there had been dishonesty.

Outside the meeting another veteran, Sir Peter Mills, MP for Devon West and Torridge, stated: "I consider the Prime Minister has been put in an intolerable position. Leon Brittan must consider his position very carefully. He should resign."

The overwhelming view of the backbenchers was that they had to try to put the crisis behind them.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, the former Cabinet minister who has a small parliamentary majority, is said to have won considerable support from his colleagues when he called on MPs to rally behind the Prime Minister.

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Thatcher not told for 16 days that Brittan authorized leak

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The Government was last night shaken by the news that no one had told the Prime Minister that a critical Westland leak had been personally authorized by Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and that in spite of unrelenting pressure Mr Brittan was adamantly resisting resignation.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday refused to tell the House of Commons that she had not been told for 16 days that Mr Brittan had authorized the leak of a "confidential" letter from Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General, to Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence, on January 6. She told MPs that 10 Downing Street had been consulted.

In spite of the fact that she had been in Downing Street on January 6, in spite of phone calls from DTI to Mr Charles Powell, one of her private secretaries, and to Mr Bernard Ingham, her Press secretary, and in spite of the fact that an official leaks inquiry was set up eight days later, on January 14, Mrs Thatcher did not know what had happened until she received the leaks report on Wednesday night.

The mood of Conservative MPs last night was one of dismay and depression that the Prime Minister, the Government and the party should be so publicly humiliated, and anger that Mr Brittan had failed his colleagues by not offering a prompt and protective resignation in spite of Cabinet-level pressure.

That resignation is expected before Monday's emergency Commons debate, granted at Mr Neil Kinnock's request after Mrs Thatcher's statement yesterday.

The party expects him to do his duty.

But even if Mr Brittan does resign the Prime Minister will come under the most intense attack in the Commons on Monday. One minister said after her statement yesterday: "She is digging a grave for herself."

The most common and most damaging all-party criticism of the Prime Minister yesterday was that she had lost control of the Government.

Even Lord Whitelaw, Mrs Thatcher's closest colleague, told the Lords that Mr Heseltine had taken his Westland campaign to the point at which it had been "extremely difficult for good Cabinet government, confidentiality and joint Cabinet responsibility to be preserved."

Other Conservatives felt that Mrs Thatcher should have put an immediate end to the open warfare between Mr Heseltine and Mr Brittan.

Yesterday's statement illustrated the results of the Cabinet feud, with Mrs Thatcher saying openly that the problems over the leak could have been avoided if only Mr Heseltine had cleared his own correspondence before publishing it.

In the event, Mr Heseltine had sent a letter on Friday, January 3, to the European consortium which was bidding for a stake in Westland.

Because it was felt that the letter contained "material inaccuracies" on the basis of available documents Sir Patrick had written his letter to Mr Heseltine on Monday, January 6.

Mr Brittan received a copy of the letter at 1.30 pm and because he thought the information "should be brought into the public domain as soon as

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Mystery buyers push up Westland share price

By Patience Wheatcroft

The price of Westland shares leapt in the stock market yesterday as another mystery buyer appeared, prepared to pay more than 150p for shares which two days ago were 90p. The Westland board and the European consortium which is opposing the planned link-up with Sikorsky-Fiat said they did not know the new buyer's identity.

On Wednesday evening an anonymous buyer pruchased the 4.4 per cent stake previously owned by the Prudential and a smaller holding believed to have been owned by Provincial Insurance. The price was more than 150p a share and according to Mr Ron Arrus of the Prudential, "It was too good to refuse." The Prudential had built up most of its holding last autumn for between 60p and 90p.

At last Friday's meeting of Westland shareholders at the Royal Albert Hall the Prudential voted in favour of the proposed deal with Sikorsky, although the deal failed to get the necessary 75 per cent vote it needed to succeed. The new buyers of the Prudential holding are also believed to support the Westland board.

However, the allegiance of the buyer who was snapping up stock yesterday is unknown since the shares were not being purchased through Westland's brokers, Rowe & Pitman. Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker was believed to be prepared to pay 152p a share on behalf of the unnamed buyer for a block of 1 million Westland shares. The result of this share buying in the market was to send Westland shares up to 135p before they slipped back to close at 123p, up 28p on the day.

Suggestions that Sikorsky might launch an all-out bid for Westland are seen by the City as unlikely, but without a bid, the share price is almost impossible to justify.

Confrontation looms at Murdoch papers after talks collapse

By Donald Macintyre and David Felton

The prospect of industrial confrontation between News International and print workers at its four newspapers was looming over this weekend, after the breakdown of the talks between Mr Rupert Murdoch, the company chairman, and union leaders yesterday.

Mr Murdoch made it clear after the collapse of the talks that the company would seek to bring out all four newspapers in the increasingly likely event of industrial action by the two main unions, Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association (NGA), after their failure to secure recognition at the Wapping plant in east London.

The company has contingency plans to produce at least limited editions of its papers at the new high-technology plant at the centre of the dispute. Mr Murdoch said that his message to readers was: "Just hang in there. We'll get to you. If we miss for a day or two, we'll be back."

Mr Murdoch, during two hours of talks at the Park Lane Hotel in central London, proposed new five-year contracts for "some hundreds" of the print workforce at each of the existing sites in Gray's Inn Road and Bouverie Street, while rejecting claims for guarantees of no compulsory redundancy, indexation of pay rates and an assurance of no job losses as a result of production being transferred to Wapping.

The company declined to confirm a claim by Mr Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA, that this would mean up to 5,000 jobs would go at the existing sites. But it is acknowledged that the proposals "would indeed mean the loss of several thousands of jobs," under the new agreements, which would replace arrangements due to run out at the end of June.

Mr Murdoch also proposed legally binding contracts similar to those already rejected by the print unions for the Wapping site.

The union's next move depends in the first instance on a meeting of all five of the industry's unions at the TUC today, which will be attended by Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the EETPU.

Mr Hammond is under pressure from TUC leaders to swing behind a common approach to negotiations, instead of pursuing separate talks for an agreement covering the Wapping plant.

In a gesture towards the TUC

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Peres steps up pressure on Husain

By Nicholas Ashford

The pace of Middle East diplomacy quickened appreciably yesterday as Mr Shimon Peres, the visiting Israeli Prime Minister, held two further rounds of secret talks with Mr Richard Murphy, US Assistant Secretary of State, on ways to bring King Husain of Jordan and moderate Palestinians into direct talks with Israel.

There was a growing conviction among Israeli officials accompanying Mr Peres on his official visit to Britain that King Husain may abandon efforts to persuade Mr Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization to join him in the talks and will invite moderate Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza to join him instead.

However, they recalled that King Husain has been on the verge of talking peace with Israel in the past but has pulled back because of Arab pressure. "It is not too difficult to get him 80 per cent of the way. It is the last 20 per cent which can be problematical."

The talks Mr Peres has been holding with Mr Murphy – he has met President Reagan's top Middle East expert three times since his arrival in London on Tuesday – have eclipsed the official part of his visit to London.

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New pay offer lifts strike threat at Ford

The threat of a strike at Ford was lifted last night when union leaders agreed to recommend to the 37,000 manual workforce an improved two-year pay offer which will lead to rises of between 16 and 18 per cent. (Our Labour Correspondent writes).

Increases over the period of the agreement will take a top production worker's weekly pay from the present £178.55 to £217.29. The rises are linked to a wide-ranging programme of changes in working practices which should reduce the number of job descriptions from the present 500 to 58.

Direct cash offer to rebuild inner cities

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

A radical two-pronged plan aimed at encouraging the regeneration of Britain's derelict inner cities will be outlined by the Government today.

It will include giving Whitehall grants direct to private sector developers wishing to improve rundown areas and so cut out the time-wasting and political obstruction encountered from some local authorities.

A system of simplified planned zones, free from all but the most basic planning restraints, will also be introduced.

The new proposals, to be contained in the Housing and Planning Bill, come in advance of the Prime Minister's own recommendations for the inner cities after last years riots, and have her blessing.

At the moment private developers wishing to regenerate the worst inner city areas can apply for government cash through local authorities. But there have been complaints of undue bureaucracy, political opposition and delays, particularly involving Labour-controlled councils.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, has decided to speed the process by making urban regeneration grants available directly to developers.

In multi-million pound schemes, which often cover several acres, the Government would provide about £1 in grant for every £5 spent by builders.

The simplified planning zones, which will remove much town-hall red tape, will not be introduced until next year.

Sterling hit by $15 oil warning

By David Smith and Teresa Poole

The Bank of England stepped in yesterday to prevent bank base rates, and thus mortgage rates, from rising. The move came as the pound was again falling, hit by a forecast from Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, that oil prices could plunge to less than $15 a barrel.

The sterling index fell one point to 74.3, its lowest for 10 months. This week the pound has lost nearly 5 per cent of its value. Against the dollar yesterday it fell by 1.2 cents to $1.3837.

Despite the pound's setback, the Chancellor refused to sanction a base rate rise. The Treasury issued a statement saying that lower oil prices could be beneficial to the British economy.

North Sea oil prices collapsed after the warning from Sheikh Yamani. Unless producers, both inside and outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, collaborate on reducing output, oil prices could fall to less than £15 a barrel, he said.

The warning, directed at Britain, sent oil markets into a panic. Cargoes of Brent, the main North Sea crude, for delivery in March, were sold for $17 a barrel at one point, over $2 down on Wednesday's closing levels. Prices later steadied, closing at $18.25

World oil prices have crashed by a third over the past two months.

The high street banks are now waiting for a signal from the Bank of England before making any move in their rates. Money market interest rates still point to a rise in base rates from 12.5 t 13.5 per cent. But some foreign exchange dealers believe that the Treasury is willing to let the pound run down temporarily, putting the blame on oil prices and the uncertainties caused by the Westland affair, rather than allowing a politically damaging mortgage rate increase.

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Evacuees turn Britannia into polyglot shantytown

From Richard Dowden, Royal Yacht Britannia, off the coast of Aden

The moon hung astern over the fluttering White Ensign, turning the ship's wake to silver, while on the packed quarter deck the band in khaki shirts and shorts played their hearts out. When the applause died down, the band leader bowed, turned to the crowd, and said: "Now I know what Band Aid felt like."

Below, in the Queen's private quarters, beneath gilt-framed paintings, Indian and Pakistani families, the women dressed in colourful saris, were stretched out on the floor, some of their children curled up asleep among their few bags.

In the Queen's dining room next door, where heads of state have dined in splendour, humble citizens tucked into plates of rice, beans and stew.

Every state cabin was filled: Pakistanis, Japanese, Sudanese, Greeks, Bangladeshis, Filipinos, Indians, Britons, Chinese. Engineers, doctors, shopkeepers, waitresses, construction workers, all crammed in together. A polyglot shantytown has moved into the palace. Even the Queen's bedroom has stores in it.

The British tend to do disasters and defeats well, but this operation, which has been carried out with nonchalance and humour, bordered on the magical. Among Britannia's bewildered passengers there was a universal feeling of immense relief, mixed with blank astonishment at finding themselves on the most exclusive cruise in the world.

One unusual feature of the rescue, disclosed by the Ministry of Defence yesterday, was that for about three days a Russian trawler officer had been on board Britannia, providing liaison with Russian ships and people ashore.

Returning to Djibouti last night, Britannia had 442 evacuees on board, 22 of them British, which puts Britannia's rescue total at 1,082 from 50 different countries.

They thought these were the last, but as Britannia pulled away from Aden another Briton was discovered on the jetty, and she turned back to pick him up.

He was Saleh Ali from Aden, a London Transport engineer on holiday visiting his family. "I will never believe the ship came back for me," he said.

Then yesterday afternoon 800 more Indians were found whom the diplomatic community did not know about, and last night negotiations were continuing to evacuate them. It is unlikely that the Britannia will return to pick them up as there are other ships in the area to do the task, and Britannia is due in Auckland for a Royal tour starting in late February.

A group of British journalists were brought from Djibouti to meet the Britannia by HMS Jupiter, taken by helicopter, and winched on to Britannia's decks.

The tales they heard from the evacuees were in terrible contrast to the calm splendour of the escape.

Mr Geraint Parry, aged 32, from Epsom, Surrey, had spent much of last week lying in a slit trench at the Bovis construction camp at Bir Nasir, about 18 miles from the capital, while a tank and rocket battle raged. Rebels had ringed the camp with artillery, and Government troops poured fire onto it.

Three other Britons, Mr John Goffey, from Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, Mr Martin Price, from Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Mr Colin Hopkins from Bournemouth, Hampshire, spent a week in a hotel restaurant in the Tawahi district of Aden, while tanks duelled in the streets around them, firing at each other at point-blank range. They said they saw 15 tanks destroyed in the streets, which were littered with the bodies of soldiers.

They walked round the mountain last Saturday with white flags to the Abyana beach to the east of Aden, but came under sniper fire.

They then took refuge in the Russian Trade Mission, where they were looked after for three days. Finally, they made it in the convoy round to Little Aden. They said that whenever they met rebel or government troops, they found them courteous and friendly.

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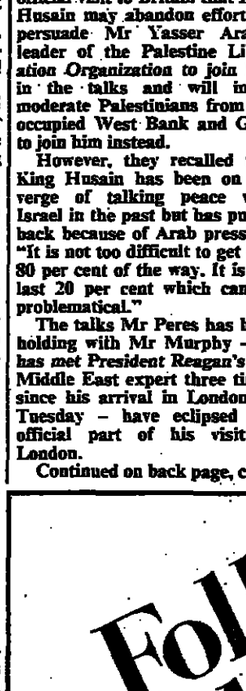

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Militant Tendency accused of physical attacks on Labour opponents

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Allegations of physical attacks on Labour Party members who opposed Militant Tendency and of open intimidation and threats have been submitted to the inquiry into the Liverpool District Labour Party.

The left-wing but anti-Militant Merseyside Labour Co-ordinating Committee, in evidence made public yesterday in the *Tribune* newspaper, alleges that leading members of the district party unconstitutionally prevented opponents of Militant from contesting winnable city council seats. It added how candidates were ordered to submit to "loyalty oaths" before they were considered fit to seek election.

The committee alleges that even before the electoral party's suspension there had been no proper meeting since September. Instead, there have been "aggregate" meetings, mixing delegates and members, and often attended by "visitors" from outside the city who almost always turned out to be Militant sympathizers.

But the allegations of physical violence against the critics of Militant, to be published in *Tribune* next week, are likely to have a crucial influence on the outcome of the inquiry. It is not expected to report in full until next month.

The Merseyside Labour Co-ordinating Committee evidence alleges physical threats inside and outside party meetings. It states that party members invited others to "go outside" to settle their differences. Such a threat was made to Mr Ian Williams, a prominent member of the Liverpool Labour Left.

A meeting of he Dingle Ward was told by a union convener and Militant ally that his political critics would be "visited", the evidence stated.

Members of the council's static security forces, which have been refered to as "Derek Hatton's private army", were said to to attend district party meetings to "police" them.

It was said that one member of the force, who frequently accompanied Mr Hatton and other prominent Militant councillors, stood at the end of a row of party members who were critics of Militant and persistently directed threats and obscenities at them.

His policing was said in the evidence to have reached its peak when he physcally ejected a party member, Mr Lew Baxter, who had a legitimate right to be present.

At a district party meeting in November four local authority union leaders, united in their opposition to Militant policies, were named as targets for removal by prominent councillors. The four were Mr Peter Cresswell, Miss Judy Cotter, Mr Jim Ferguson and Mr Neville Bann.

Turning to the physical attacks, the evidence stated that Mr Ben Lucas, chairman of Liverpool University Labour Club, was allegedly assaulted by two leading Militant youth activists, who were named.

The extracts from the evidence described in detail how the process of selecting candidates for the local government panel was used as a "political filter" to exclude opponents of Militant and their allies.

First, candidates had to answer three "loyalty oath" questions and were in practice asked to choose district party policy over national policies in crucial areas.

Candidates were routinely questioned about their specific ideological beliefs, and answers deemed to be outside the dominant political line of the district party led to exclusion.

The Merseyside Labour Co-ordinating Committee said the campaign over the councils budget had left the Party with a credibility gap with the local electorate.

"Internally local party morale is very low. The abuse and vilification of party members who had proposed compromise budgets, or opposed certain tactics, combined with the cynical manipulation of the majority of the councillors ... has undermined party unity and severely affected its capacity to mobilize for the municipal elections in May" it added.

The Prince of Wales being given a guided tour of the World of Watercolours and Drawings Exhibition at the Park Lane Hotel in London yesterday by the Royal Academy artist, Mr John Ward. Later Mr Ward said that the Prince, as an amateur artist, "finds painting a marvellous refuge from the pressures of work."

Coca-Cola given aid of £900,000 for 14 jobs

By Stephen Goodwin

Fourteen jobs in a new Coca-Cola canning factory in Northern Ireland have been bought at a cost to the taxpayer of more than £60,000 for each job.

The story of how £900,000 was offered to set up a plant at Lambeg, Co Antrim, is disclosed in the latest report on government spending in Ulster. The system for authorizing selective assistance over a limit of £8,500 a job emerges as little more than a rubberstamp.

Compiled by Mr Louis Calvert, Comptroller and Auditor-General for Northern Ireland, the report questions the evaluation of state aid.

The Leventis Group, parent company of Coca-Cola Bottlers (Ulster), applied for assistance towards the £2.27 million canning project in October 1983. It was to be built alongside its bottling factory, already employing 276 full-time workers, and in March 1984 the Department of Economic Development offered Leventis a grant amounting to 40 per cent of the capital cost.

Although only 14 new jobs were to be created, the Department of Economic Development told Mr Calvert that a further 55 jobs at the bottling plant would be "renewed" if the canning project went ahead. Without it, the officials argued, these jobs would be at risk.

Mr Calvert notes that this has the effect of reducing the subsidy for each job to £13,000 but clearly he doubts whether any bottling jobs were seriously threatened. At one stage his officers suggested that the department had added the 55 renewals to bring down the cost per job.

The department maintained that as demand for canned drinks was increasing, that for single portion bottles was falling. However, Mr Calvert found that Coca-Cola's own business plan forecast increasing sales of 1 litre, 1.5 and 2 litre bottles and "a large increase" in the total volume of Coca-Cola to be sold in bottles.

This assessment was reinforced by an external consultant who, the report says, "had not considered that any jobs in the bottling plant would be seriously at risk if the canning plant was not built at Lambeg."

Canning was due to begin at Lambeg in September 1985 but full production cannot begin until 1988 when the franchise held by Batchelors of Dublin ends, the report says.

● Three hundred jobs will be lost in a reorganization of Southern Electricity Board offices at Lyndhurst in Hampshire, Reading, the Isle of Wight, Swindon and Yeovil.

Correction

The Office of Fair Trading has not yet seen nor commented on Law Society draft proposals to end restrictive practices in the legal profession as implied on January 15. However it welcomes the current debate between the Bar and Law Society in helping to further the public interest in the provision of legal services to the community.

Confrontation looms at Murdoch papers

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position last night, the EETPU postponed its meeting with News International, which was due to take place on Wednesday, the day after a special general council meeting considers an investigation under the TUC's Rule 13 into the union's dealings with the company.

But the EETPU is sending official advice to the London Press branch instructing members at the four papers to report for normal duty, and pointing out that they have no dispute with the company.

Mr Tom Rice, the union's national officer covering Fleet Street, was seeking company permission to visit the Wapping plant to assess the full extent of EETPU and other union membership there.

Mr Murdoch said after yesterday's meeting, punctuated by two adjournments sought by the union side, that the print workers' leaders had said they would now consider the alternative plan put forward by Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, on maximizing production at Wapping as a basis for agreements at Gray's Inn Road and Bouverie Street. But they have made it clear it would have to extend to Wapping.

"We pointed out that the horse had bolted and that we had other people there now," Mr Murdoch said.

"It is tragic that they've missed this opportunity. We have been begging the unions to come to an agreement at Wapping for six years now. Earlier on we would have given them all sorts of things.

"They seem determined to take me on. I'm amazed. They seem to roll over and play dead for Mr (Robert) Maxwell, and we, on the other hand, have created thousands of jobs in this country. We've picked up ailing, dying newspapers and breathed new life into them," he said.

Mr Murdoch made it clear that the company had contingency plans for distribution, which had worked "pretty well last Saturday".

TNT, a commercial transport firm in which News International has an estimated six per cent stake, ensured supplies to London retailers of a 24-page supplement to *The Sunday Times* but that would need to be "tested and proven" in the event of a strike.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, said that the outlook now appeared "very bleak".

"We are extremely disappointed, more for our members' families than for the bureaucracy of the union because they are the people Mr Murdoch has turned his back on. I'm absolutely amazed the company has not been prepared to have constructive discussions with us."

Miss Dean said that the alternative proposals put forward by Mr Willis would be widely recognized as "very progressive".

Last night print union leaders, who are armed with a 5 to 1 ballot majority in favour of industrial action, met transport union leaders in an attempt to secure support for disrupting distribution of papers which they expect to be produced at Wapping, and the Kinning Park plant at Glasgow, in the event of a strike.

Miss Dean declined to give details of the meeting but said that the unions were seeking an urgent meeting of the TUC's transport industries committee.

● Journalists on *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* who belong to the Institute of Journalists yesterday gave their support to Mr Murdoch in his battle over new technology at Wapping, in a joint letter from Patrick Davis, convenor of *The Times* IOJ chapter, and Godfrey Smith, convenor of *The Sunday Times*.

The Prime Minister defended Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, when he was criticized during Commons questions by Mr David Nellist, Labour MP for Coventry South East.

Mr Nellist asked Mrs Thatcher: "Before she loses another member of her Cabinet in the Brittangate scandal, will she send a message to Mr Murdoch, one of the millionaire owners of Britain's undemocratic Press, that he is not a First World War general, filling in the trenches outside his Wapping plant with rolls of barbed wire, and that industrial serfdom, where the workers became the property of the masters, should have gone out of this country centuries ago?"

Mrs Thatcher: "Mr Murdoch is trying to get rid of restrictive practices which should have been got rid of years ago, and to protect the future of some of Britain's most distinguished newspapers."

Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West: "*The Sun* distinguished!"

Print meeting 'under duress'

The following statement was issued by News International last night:

We met today under duress because we have a strike threa to answer – based on a demand from unions for jobs for life at Gray's Inn Road and Bouverie Street. Mr Murdoch said he could not agree to this condition but he was prepared to discuss the future of both offices.

We had given six months' notice of termination of the existing house agreements which meant that conditions of employment would be honoured until next July.

The unions did not wait for negotiations. They took a strike ballot.

This morning provided the first opportunity for the unions and Mr Murdoch to meet and it was obvious we were in an explosive atmosphere and not a suitable one for careful and considered negotiations.

Mr Murdoch said, when pressed by Miss Dean, that he saw a possibility of a negotiation with a minimum period of five years security for people to operate in the two companies at Gray's Inn Road and Bouverie Street and the contracts would be legally binding.

Mr Murdoch was further pressed for some idea of the work force he had in mind and, without any definition of how the operation could be carried out, he said jobs would be available for some hundreds of people at both plants. He referred specifically to those people employed directly in the printing operation.

He said the whole purpose of the exercise would be to achieve competitive efficiency with other newspaper organizations who are currently involved in discussions with the unions.

The company said that full details of this could only be worked out over a period of time which is why we had said July to allow an orderly period for discussions.

Mr Murdoch said he thought the unions would be unwise to strike and he was surprised after all he had done to rescue ailing papers that they were turning on him in this forceful fashion.

The union response to this was to say that their members were concerned with security and had voted overwhelmingly to take action.

Voters beat the snow in Ulster

By Richard Ford

First results from Northern Ireland's 15 parliamentary by-elections will be known early this afternoon after voters braved a day of scattered snow showers and freezing weather to vote on the Anglo-Irish agreement.

All the results are expected to be know by this evening, although recounts may be needed in at least two border marginal constituencies which were hit by the worst of yesterday's weather.

Polling was described as "brisk" and in strongly Protestant areas the turnout in favour of Official Unionist and Democratic Unionist candidates at the end of their "Ulster Says No" campaign was described as unprecedented.

But the weather and the several hours of darkness during which voting took place has led to uncertainty about the total turnout.

Among the first to vote were Mr James Molyneaux, OUP leader, and the Rev Ian Paisley, DUP leader.

This is the first time in a national election that voters have had to present official identification. The aim is to end vote "stealing".

● The Irish Republic's Fianna Fail opposition party suffered a blow when its front bench environment spokesman, Mr Bobby Molloy, defected to the new Progressive Democrats.

Tory MPs want curb on Spanish cars

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A private meeting of Conservative MPs told Mr Paul Channon, Minister of Trade, to use whatever methods are most effective to restrict Spanish car imports "short of an actual blockade" until Spain increases the quota of British car imports for 1986 to a more realistic level.

Mr Iain Mills, MP for Meriden, said yesterday: "I am all in favour of doing a French on them and insisting that all Spanish cars arriving in this country will be accepted only through somewhere nice and convenient like the Shetlands".

Mr Anthony Beaumont Dark, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, asked the Minister: "Why is it we always seem to be cast in the role of gentlemen playing the game according to the rules while other countries ignore them whenever it suits them?

Mr Channon urged the predominantly West Midland MPs to take a more moderate line publicly and "not to rock the boat at this time".

He said that Austin Rover had known for many months that there was little likelihood of Spain agreeing to its request for its 1986 quota to be increased by 3,000 cars

He conceded that this seemed unfair in the face of unrestricted Spanish-made Fiestas, Novas and Seats coming into Britain at the rate of 12,000 a month, but the quota had been agreed according to the conditions of Spanish membership of the EEC.

Former Labour MPs on Alliance poll list

By Our Political Staff

Two former Labour MPs are among seven prominent SDP members short-listed to fight the forthcoming parliamentary be-election in Fulham for the Alliance.

The former MPs are Mr Evan Luard, a former junior minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who represented Oxford, and Dr Colin Phipps, who sat for Dudley West. Both men lost their seats in 1979.

Two women, the *Guardian* columnist, Polly Toynbee, and Elizabeth Smith, an executive member of the all-party 300 group, are included on the short-list.

The others are Mr William Goodhart QC, chairman of the SDP council arrangements committee, Mr Roger Liddle, leader of the Alliance on Lambeth council, and Mr Will Unwin, a lecturer and accountant and former Fulham councillor.

Pay on merit urged for teachers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers should be paid according to merit because "safe mediocrity" was not good enough to equip children for the challenge of the 1990s, Mr John Banham, Controller of Audit, said yesterday.

Thousands of teachers should lose their jobs, and their schools should be closed or merged in line with falling pupil numbers, Mr Banham, who heads the 15-member Audit Commission, told the Society of Education Officers in a wide-ranging speech.

Failure to undertake "aggressive rationalization" of secondary schools would mean that £250 million of public money would be wasted every year. Teachers should be forced to leave through early retirement, he said.

Mr Banham, who has become the scourge of education managers, said that schools should have more say in the way in which teachers were managed and rewarded. Teachers should have 10 days off-the-job training a year, and the Burnham system for negotiating teachers' pay should be abolished.

The pupil to teacher ratio should be replaced with activity-led staffing. Mr Banham, who was a director of McKinsey and Co management consultants, said. The education service should market itself to parents, employers and the media, not to mention, students, he said.

"How many local education authorities have a marketing director?", he asked. "If we devoted a fraction of the talent and expense that Heinz devote to selling and marketing their spaghetti to marketing education locally and to the national level, many of today's problems might simply disappear."

● Parents organized by the All London Parents Action Group and trailing small children, yesterday lobbied MPs in support of the teachers' pay claim. At the same time thousands of teachers gathered at Arsenal football stadium for a rally organized by the National Union of Teachers.

Many classrooms were empty while the demonstrations took place, and last night the Labour Party tabled a Commons motion calling on the Government to provide more money to settle the dispute and to improve educational standard.

Today the two sides in the dispute meet again at the conciliation service, Acas, to try to hammer out a settlement at what has been discribed as a "make or break" meeting.

● Two or three polytechnic, or perhaps five or six leading colleges, may ave to be closed under proposals being considered by the National Advisory Body for local authority higher education, which distributes funding.

● Severe damage has been caused to the Scottish examination system by the dispute over a demand by teachers for an independent pay review, the Scottish Secondary Teachers Association said yesterday. It also announced one-day strikes in February and March.

Higher education in peril, vice-chancellors say

By Our Education Correspondent

University vice-chancellors said yesterday that Britain's higher education system was "in jeopardy" as a result of government policy and that 14,000 fewer graduates than now would be produced by the end of the next decade.

In a 50-page report on the future of the universities, they say that this will impede the country's economic and social recovery and put Britain even further behind its competitors.

Mr Maurice Shock, chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals and Vice-Chancellor of Leicester University, said universities were being singled out for cuts in a way that no other public service was.

Universities had suffered a 10 per cent cut in real income since 1980, "far greater than any other part of the pubic sector", he said. On present planning, that cut would be doubled during the next five years, Mr Shock added.

The result was disaffected academics, rising emigration of the most able and financial trouble for a number of universities.

"If the Government acts according to demographic projections, the rate of decline may continue to rise and to accelerate when we get to the 1990s".

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The Westland affair

Kinnock compares leak controversy to Watergate

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock last night compared the Westland leaked letter controversy to the start of the Watergate scandal, and demanded that Mrs Thatcher provide answers to key questions in the affair.

The Labour leader told journalists at Westminster: "The inference of what the Prime Minister said today was that there was a bit of deception, but it was in the national interest. That was precisely the excuse that was offered at the very start of the Watergate scandal.

"The whole description of events is incredible. They are lacking in credulity as far as I am concerned and lacking in credibility as far as the Government is concerned," he said.

Mr Kinnock said that Mrs Thatcher had to explain where she was on January 6 when she was apparently so unobtainable; when she knew precisely about the "contrivances" which people in the Department of Trade and Industry and Downing Street set in hand, and the use of the letter written by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General.

And in the most damning reference to Mr Brittan, he challenged the Prime Minister's assertion that the Secretary of State alone had authorized Sir Patrick's letter to be leaked to the Press Association.

"There must have been times in the last few years when as a government minister he has wondered whether he could blow his nose without permission.

"While there are strident personalities in the Government who may take such a decision on their own, if you had to draw up a list of the people likely to do it, at the bottom would be Leon Brittan.

"It is very difficult to believe that he would gulp and take responsibility entirely on his own."

Mr Kinnock said that leaking was part of the currency of government, and always had been. "But the different level at which this leaking was contrived and operated poses different questions about the use of the machinery of government."

The latest events were evidence of what people had always suspected about Mrs Thatcher's government: that it conducted matters with such arrogance and disregard for the normal requirements of democratic government as to be basically antagonistic to the system.

Asked if there should be resignations, Mr Kinnock said: "It is very difficult to see how people other than those with heads even thicker than their hides could possibly stay in their positions. "But I have no intention of assisting in saving careers by calling for resignations."

The Opposition's motion would not be one of no confidence in the Government for Monday's emergency debate because it would mobilize the loyalty of the Tory party for Mrs Thatcher "even though she plainly does not deserve it and does not enjoy a great deal of loyalty at this time."

Bulldog loyalty with Yorkshire grit

By Stephen Goodwin
Political Staff

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's chief press secretary, yesterday lounged in the corner he habitually occupies in the Commons press gallery, as the finger of suspicion in the Westland leaks saga turned irresistibly in his direction.

Time and gain during Mrs Thatcher's statement MPs sought to place the blame at the door of 10 Downing Street where the Yorkshireman has exercised considerable if anonymous power since 1979.

But Mr Ingham's bulldog loyalty to his leader is matched by her respect for him. "Mr Ingham", she rounded on one MP," has served successive governments with great devotion. I have great confidence in him". Mr Ingham smiled.

In the words of Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, Mr Ingham is seen by his political opponents as "some sort of rough-spoken Yorkshire Rasputin", manipulating both government and Press.

Mr Ingham, aged 53, lives in Purley. He is married with one son

Thatcher not told Brittan authorized leak

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possible", before a Westland press conference at 4 pm, he had asked his officials to get in touch with 10 Downing Street to discuss disclosures of the letter

Mr John Mogg, his principal private secretary, called the Prime Minister's private office, and Miss Colette Bowe, his head of information, phone Mr Ingham. Mr Ingham heard that Mr Brittan had authorized disclosure and he did not dissent. Neither did he approve. Mrs Thatcher yesterday described that as a "cover from my office for proceeding".

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons: "They did not seek my agreement." She also said that if she had been asked she would have agreed that the information needed to be released, although she added: "I should have said that a different way must be found of making the relevant facts known."

Full text of leaked letter from Solicitor General

The Press Association sent out its first full report of the leaked letter from Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, to Mr Michael Heseletine at 2.53pm on January 6.

That leak quoted two words from the letter referring to a statement by Mr Heseltine - on Westland - "material inaccuracy" but it did not quote an important qualification in the same sentence.

A report in *The Times* on January 7 quoted three more selectively leaked sentences.

In response to the leak via the PA, Mr Heseltine issued at about 8pm on January 6 a corroborated denial that his statement misled Westland shareholders.

Sir Patrick, he said, had not seen all the relevant documents before writing the letter, and these fully supported his original statement.

The paragraphs leaked to *The Times* are printed in bold type in the following full text of Sir Patrick Mayhew's letter:

Dear Michael,

I saw in "The Times" on Saturday the text of a letter you are reported to have sent to the Managing Director of Lloyds Merchant Bank. In the course of your answer to the third question asked by Mr Horne, concerning the indications received by HMG from "European Governments and companies" as to the projects which "may be lost to Westland if the United Technologies/Fiat proposals are accepted", you state:

"There are indications available to HMG from both the other Governments and the companies concerned that a Westland link with Sikorsky-/Fiat would be incompatible with participation by that company on behalf of the UK in the collaborative battlefield helicopter and NH90 projects".

This sentence, when read with the rest of the paragraph (in which the Defence Ministers of four Governments apart from the UK are referred to), Necessarily implies that all the Governments and all the companies involved in the collaborative battlefield helicopter and NH90 projects have given this indication to HMG.

The telegrams (No 440 of 17 December from the Hague and Nos 1037 and 1083 of 5 December from Rome) and the record of your meeting with the West German Defence Minister in November which were available to me when I gave advice on 31 December to the Prime Minister on the text of her reply to Sir John Cuckney, do not seem to me to support a statement that *all* the Governments and *all* the companies have indicated that a Westland link with Sikorsky/Fiat would be incompatible with participation by that company in the projects. The documents I have seen contain evidence that the Netherlands' Defence Secretary, the German Defence Minister and the Chairman of Agusta have commented to the knowledge of HMG in various ways on adverse consequences which may flow from a decision to accept the Sikorsky offer. (In addition to Agusta, the documents disclose that Aerospatiale and MBB are additionally involved in the projects).

It is foreseeable that your letter will be relied upon by the Westland Board and its shareholders. Consistently with the advice I gave to the Prime Minister on 31 December: **the Government in such circumstances is under a duty not to give information which is incomplete or inaccurate in any material particular.**

On the basis of the information contained in the documents to which I have referred, which I emphasize are all that I have seen, the sentence in your letter to Mr Horne does in my opinion contain material inaccuracies in the respects I have mentioned, **and I therefore must advise that you should write again to Mr Horne correcting the inaccuracies.**

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Chief Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours ever,
Patrick.

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Aids patients are being shunned by frightened doctors, expert claims

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Some patients infected with the Aids virus are being shunned by members of the medical profession because of fear and ignorance, a leading specialist said yesterday.

Doctors, dentists and nurses are turning away people seeking treatment or advice because of exaggerated fears about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Mr David Miller, a clinical psychologist, said. He is the chief counselling adviser of the National Aids Counselling Training Unit, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London.

Mr Miller is co-editor of *The Management of Aids Patients*, a book to be published next Friday aimed at professional health care staffs.

"Some patients are being treated in an off-hand, if not irresponsible manner by medical personnel through fear and ignorance, and this is not acceptable", he said. "If doctors respond to people with the Aids virus in this way, how on earth can we expect society to behave otherwise?"

Mr Miller said that it was almost impossible to find dentists willing to treat people whose blood tests had shown them to have been exposed to the virus. It was "not uncommon" for male homosexuals to be sent away from medical departments when they sought appointments, he said.

Such discrimination occurs because many members of the medical profession misunderstand the nature of the Aids virus and overestimate its infectiousness, he said.

"What we need urgently is clear and comprehensive public education on the risks associated with the disease, and adequate counselling for everyone who is infected or at risk. The sooner the Government launches a health education campaign of this type, the better."

Mr Miller and a small group of colleagues have been holding workshops throughout Britain at which doctors and other health professionals are briefed on Aids, infection control, risk reduction and the counselling of patients, families and friends.

About 850 such professionals have attended the workshops since they were set up with government funding last April, and classes are booked until next July.

"We have found in some hospitals that the degree of compassion and concern for Aids patients is exemplary," Mr Miller said.

"But we need to raise the awareness of general practitioners, some of whom are failing to recognize clinical signs of infection in their patients.

"Others are referring suspected cases for blood tests without adequate counselling or proper follow-up, and this is causing us extreme concern."

Leading specialists at St Mary's Hospital, one of the main centres for treating Aids patients, have contributed to *The Management of Aids Patients*.

The book is edited by Mr Miller, Dr Jonathan Weber and Dr John Green, also of St Mary's.

The Management of Aids Patients, edited by Mr David Miller, Dr Jonathan Weber and Dr John Green, (Macmillan, £30 hardback and £10.95 paperback).

Hazel Hawarden, the Wigan museum organizer, and the completed £3.5 million Wigan Pier project, which is expected to attract more than 250,000 visitors a year to a once badly depressed area. (Photographs: Mike Arron).

The Queen takes road to Wigan Pier

George Orwell wrote about it, although he never found it, and generations of comedians dating back to George Formby Senior have made jokes about it. Now Wigan Pier is to receive its greatest accolade with an official visit from the Queen (Peter Davenport writes).

After three years, a £3.5 million renovation has transformed the disused site of the original pier into a smart complex of museums, exhibition centres, a public house and restaurant.

Wigan Pier began life in the 1700s as a small wooden jetty jutting out three feet into the Leeds-Liverpool canal. It was at its busiest loading the coal barges that produced much of Wigan's turn-of-the-century prosperity.

But the pier remained unheralded outside the locality until George Formby Senior, who lived in Wigan, turned it into a music hall joke.

When Orwell arrived in 1937 to write "The Road to Wigan Pier", the structure had been dismantled for eight years and he used the decay into which the area had fallen as a symbol of the ills that were then blighting the industrial North.

The local technical college has built a replica of the original pier, and renovations have also been carried out on a large cotton mill and disused Victorian and Georgian warehouses.

The Queen will officially open the project on March 21.

Health care group to offer family GP cover

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

A California-based health care company is planning to launch the first health maintenance organization (HMO) in Britain next year.

Health maintenance organizations are the fastest-growing sector of health care in the United States. Unlike private health insurance in Britain, they offer cover for family doctor services, as well as hospital care.

Because they often contract with private hospitals to provide beds, rather than run them themselves, more emphasis is placed on keeping people healthy and out of hospital, rather than just paying their bills when they go in. As a result they have helped reduce the steep increase in the cost of health care in the United States.

Dr Michael Goldsmith, who launched the Harrow Health Centre, a prepayment private family doctor service which met with mixed success before being taken over by American Medical International, has been appointed executive director of a newly-formed United Kingdom branch of Family Health Programme Inc.

The company is spending £250,000 on a HMO feasibility study of England and plans to invest £5 million in four to six private family health centres in the London area next year.

These would form the basis of a HMO which would offer companies and individuals health insurance

Barristers' threat of pay sanctions

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government was warned last night that, unless it increases pay levels for barristers doing criminal legal aid, the profession will have to consider "sanctions."

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, chairman of the Bar, said that the profession had submitted a responsible report to the Government and would expect "a responsible reaction".

He said: "This is something which it is not easy for a professional to talk about, the possibility of sanctions. But there is now a clear choice between accepting that the rates of remuneration have got to go up, or suffering the decline of this profession in the public-funded area."

Mr Alexander was speaking in the first of a new Radio 4 series called *Pillars of Society*. Talks on a 30-40 per cent pay claim by the Bar have now reached a crucial stage, with the Government poised to announce its intentions. The Bar has already said that it will consider refusing to undertake prosecution work if its claim is not met.

Mr Alexander said earlier this week that the Government's statement of intention to improve the prosecution of fraud would be "empty words" unless, as recommended in the recent Roskill report on fraud, it increased the pay of barristers "in the front line".

But the high earnings at the top of the Bar were criticized in the same programme by the law lord Lord Templeman. He expressed doubts that the free market was sufficient protection against overcharging by some barristers.

● The Government is warned in the strongest terms in two reports published yesterday that its rigid cash limits on the legal aid scheme are causing serious delays and threatening a grave deterioration in the £320 million a year service.

At the same time the reports, by the Lord Chancellor's own Legal Aid Advisory Committee and by the Law Society, which runs the legal aid scheme, are critical of the Government's refusal to secure the future of the country's 54 law centres.

The Legal Aid Advisory Committee says that backlogs will mean delayed payment for lawyers doing civil and criminal legal aid. This could result in deterring solicitors from doing the work.

Another danger is that reduced spending on administration increased costs.

Legal Aid: 35th annual reports of the Law Society and the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee (Stationery Office).

Motorists join chase for bandits

A bus driver and a motorist tried to foil a £100,000 armed robbery yesterday in which a Post Office van was hijacked and shots were fired by the escaping raiders.

Mr John Raine, aged 31, drove his bus, with nine passengers on board including schoolchildren, alongside the hijacked van, blocking its path until he was threatened by a man with a gun.

The motorist also rammed the raiders' getaway car and continued the chase after being fired at twice.

The two armed men took over the Post Office van as it pulled up outside a sub-post office in Charminster Road, Bournemouth.

After Mr Raine was threatened with a gun, the van was driven to a road near by where the stolen money was transferred to a car driven by a third man.

The car sped off, chased by a man, aged 40, and his son aged 18. The man, who refused to be named, said: "At a junction I decided to hit him up the back to see what would happen. They sped off and we followed and then they leaned out of the passenger side of the car and started firing the gun."

The police set up road blocks but the vehicle was found abandoned

Hospital dangers for elderly

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Disabled elderly people admitted to hospital to give relatives caring for them a break run a high risk of dying shortly after admission, according to a study published in the *British Medical Journal* today.

A study of 69 patients, with an average age of 82, admitted to the Whittington Hospital, in north London, not because they were ill but to give those caring for them a rest, showed that nine of them, or 13 per cent, died shortly afterwards from pneumonia.

That is a death rate half as high again as that for patients aged over 85 admitted to the geriatric wards at the hospital because they are acutely ill.

The figures became even worse when they included elderly people taken in as "social admissions" because they, or their relatives, could no longer cope at home, but who, again, were not actually ill. Of 43 patients admitted with an average age of 85, fifteen, or more than a third, died shortly afterwards, again mainly from pneumonia.

Doctors at the hospital eard the figures showed clearly that "even a temporary move for a short period is not without risk for the elderly". They said ways had to be found to provide prolonged periods of care at home to relieve relatives, rather than take elderly people into hospital. Admission as a solution to a social problem, which was still readily accepted by doctors, relatives and community workers, "must be discouraged", the doctors added.

Dr Gurcharan Rai, consultant physician at the hospital, and his colleagues said there was no obvious explanation for the figures. They may have been due to disability, the treatment received or simply the move from the familiar home setting to hospital surroundings.

'Spiritualist' jailed for killing baby

A self-claimed spiritualist and faith healer was jailed for life yesterday for the macabre murder of his lover's baby

The child's mother, who claimed her spirit guide, an imaginary Tibetan monk in yellow robes, told her: "Your baby has to die", was held in custody for medical reports.

Glasgow High Court was told Kether Boleskin, aged three months, was strangled on the banks of Loch Lomond. Nine months later her mother, Sheena McLaughlan, aged 23, returned to the lochside with a guitar and sang a lament for her

Alan Porter, aged 28, said he saw McLaughlin trying to strangle the baby and told police: "I took the baby from her and strangled her with my own hands to put her out of her suffering."

McLaughlan, denied murder but changed her plea to guilty to the lesser charge of culpable homicide. Porter had denied killing the child at Balloch Country Park on 1983.

Man sought in hotel killing

Police have described a man they want to interview in connection with the murder of a Lake District hotel owner, Mrs Bronwen Nixon.

He was seen near the Rothay Manor Hotel at Ambleside late on Sunday evening at about the time Mrs Dixon, aged 66, was strangled in her cottage next door. The man is white, aged 30 to 40, 6ft tall and well-built. He has a medium length, dark, full beard and dark hair, either collar-length or shorter. He has staring eyes and was wearing dark clothing, with fawn trousers with a large check.

Drink case police chief to retire

Bert Sheldon, aged, 44, a chief superintendent in Dorset police traffic division who was given a suspended jail sentence for driving while over the limit, is to be retired early on grounds of ill health.

Sheldon, who was also banned for two years and is appealing against the 28 day sentance, will not have to face a diciplinary hearing as a result of the police sub-committee decision.

GLC tries to keep art collection intact

By Colin Hughes, Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council is hoping to keep its large collection of valuable art, silver and furniture intact in a single museum collection, officials said yesterday.

Since the London County Council was created in 1889 the successive chairmen have been painted for portraits which line County Hall's members' lobbies, often by eminent Royal Academy artists.

Until recently the council also maintained a tradition of chairmen donating silver at the end of their year of office and visiting dignitaries have presented a gallery of riches

Shortly before Christmas, Mr Tony Banks, the council's chairman, ordered all the valuables to be gathered for cataloguing before deciding how they should be disposed when the council is abolished on March 31.

Libyan 'not involved in murder'

By Peter Evans and Pat Healy

A Libyan who was expelled with others from Britain after the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher has been allowed to return because Mr Mark Patey, the chief adjudicator of immigration appeals, was satisfied he had nothing to do with it.

A copy of Mr Patey's determination of the case last September showed he was in no doubt that Saleh Abdessalem Ben Rabha, who had been besieged in the Libyan People's Bureau, should be allowed to rejoin his wife and five children. The case was heard in camera.

Mr Patey, who has been chief adjudicator since July 1984, said that had there been any substantive evidence to indicate that Mr Rabha, a film technician, was involved directly or indirectly with "the barbaric outrage on April 17, 1984, outside the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square", he would have considered the decision to refuse him a visa wholly justified, regardless of the strong compassionate circumstances.

No such evidence had been produced. "Indeed, it would be inconceivable that the appellant would seek to return to this county to face the likelihood of life imprisonment if he was, in fact, so involved," Mr Patey said.

"In these circumstances, and in spite of certain inconsistencies in the evidence for example whether the appellant was in an annexe at the time of the shooting or in a room on the top floor, I am satisfied, certainly on the balance of probabilities, that the appellant had no direct or indirect connection with the shooting.

Mr Patey said that he recognized it would be generally desirable that persons employed in the former Libyan People's Bureau at the time of the outrage should be excluded from the United Kingdom.

Nevertheless, each case had to be treated on its merits and balanced against any compassionate features. As had been conceded on the Government's side, the compassionate aspects relating to Mr Rabha's wife and five children were very strong.

Mrs Kathleen Rahba, whose Libyan husband was deported after the siege at the People's Bureau in 1984 and has been re-admitted to Britain, leaving their Wiltshire home yesterday with three of their five children.

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, yesterday held out little hope of any action to MPs protesting aginst the decision. Speaking on the BBC Radio programme, *Today*, he said: "We did not want him back, but people have this right of appeal.

Yesterday, Mr Ben Rabha, who lives near Pewsey, Wiltshire, was in hiding. The desision to allow him to return was defended by Mr Charles Morrison, Conservative MP for Devizes, who had been approached by the family for assistance over his return.

Life ban on fishy tale anglers

By Tim Jones

The tall tales of four fishermen have led to them being banned for life from British sea angling competitions. It is alleged that four operated a ring using each other's names as witnesses to send off false claims to angling magazines in order to win prizes.

The Welsh Sea Angling Federation imposed the ban after an ivestigation by the Porthcawi Club in Mid Glamorgan. The men's alleged activities were discovered after doubts were cast on entries submitted from all the club's 140 members.

One of the men is said to have filled in a form using the name of his daughter, aged five, while another claimed his catch had been witnessed by a top Welsh rugby international forward.

Mr Pedro Birch, club vice-president, said: "I bet the player wouldn't know a mackeral from a herring. One of the men genuinely won a rod in a competition, and they realized they could do quite well if they made up stories about big catches."

Last night of the banned anglers Mr Jeff Prosser, denied for the four had operated a ring. He said: "I think other members are jealous because, being unemployed, we can spend more time at sea and catch more fish."

Orchestra wins damages for Private Eye libels

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The London Symphony Orchestra and Mr Anthony Camden, its chairman, were awarded "substantial" damages believed to run into five figures against the magazine, *Private Eye* yesterday for a series of articles alleging that orchestra members were drunk an unruly and that Mr Camden was incompetent.

After the case Mr Clive Gillinson, the LSO's managing director, said that the articles, carried between September 1983 and April last year, had damaged the company's reputation at a time when the future of all four London orchestras was in question. They cost the group money in lost sponsorship.

Mr Richard Ingrams, editor of *Private Eye*, and the publishers, Pressrun Ltd, conceded that all the allegations were totally false. They did not attempt to justify them.

They recognized that they were libels of the utmost gravity, which caused great distress and damage to the orchestra and to Mr Camden and that they should never have been published. The defendants offered their apoligies and agreed to pay all the legal costs.

Mr Gillinson said that the articles did not cause any internal dissension. He said: "But they were damaging. I would go to see people and, while they never asked about *Private Eye* outright, they were asking questions based upon what was in *Private Eye*. We do know of one sponsor who did not back us because of the stories."

In court it was said that the magazine alleged or suggested that the orchestra's members were drunk and dissolute and unruly and otherwise irresponsible, both in rehearsal and on foreign tours.

The management was inefficient and incompetent, the magazine said, and the company bankrupt. It also claimed that the management was dishonest in its dealings with members of the public, charities and sponsors

The main allegations against Mr Camden were that, as chairman, he was inefficient and incompetent and dishonestly concealed from members of the orchestra the correct details of its financial affairs.

He had dishonestly concealed from the Arts Counicl the financial position of the orchestra, the magazine claimed.

It claimed also that he had behaved dictatorially and was hated by members of the orchestra, that he was devious, evasive, tyrannical and not to be trusted.

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Kinnock gets emergency debate on leaked letter

No prosecutions: true facts had to be known

There is to be an emergency debate in the Commons on Monday on the Westland affair and the Prime Minister's statement on the inquiry into the leak of the letter from the Solicitor General to Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for Defence. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, sought the emergency debate after more than 45 minutes of questioning of the Prime Minister.

Mr Kinnock told the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) that the debate would concern the circumstances surrounding the publishing of classified information relevant to the future of Westland plc.

It would be about the furtive and future activities of ministers, and the Prime Minister's counterfeit inquiry into the leaking of the Solicitor General's letter of January 6.

Mrs Thatcher said that corrections to material inaccuracies in a letter from Mr Heseltine to Sir John Cuckney, chief executive of Westland, had to be brought into the public domain before Sir John held a press conference at 4 pm on January 6. Commercial judgements would be made on information supplied by the Government.

She had not been personally consulted about the leak but would have approved it. In reply to questions, she said that she thought that although the information had to be brought into the public domain, it should have been done in some other way.

Prior to Mr Kinnock being granted the emergency debate, Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, had said the Liberals had chosen the subject for debate on Wednesday.

Thatcher says Brittan was right

Mrs Thatcher, in her statement, said: As the House knows, Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Westland, wrote to me on December 30, 1985, asking whether Westland would no longer be considered a European company by the Government if a minority shareholding in the company were held by a major international group from a Nato country outside Europe.

This question was of fundamental importance to the company, in making its decision as to what course it was best to follow in the best interests of the company and its employees.

It was therefore essential to be sure that my reply should be in no way misleading to anyone who might rely on it in making commercial judgments and decisions.

The reply was accordingly considered among the departments concerned, and the text of my letter of January 1, 1986, was agreed in detail by Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, Mr John MacGregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and finally by Sir Patrick Mayhew, Solicitor General. My letter was made public.

Two days later, in January 3, Mr Heseltine replied to a letter of the same date from Mr Horne of Lloyds Merchant Bank asking him a number of questions, covering some of the same ground as my own reply to Sir John Cuckney. The texts of the letters became public that same day.

Mr Heseltine's reply was not cleared or even discussed with the relevant Cabinet colleagues.

Moreover, although the reply was also material to the commercial judgments and decisions that would have to be made, the Solicitor General was not invited to scrutinize the letter before it was issued.

On the morning of January 6 the Solicitor General wrote to the then Secretary of State for Defence.

He said: "It is foreseeable that your letter will be relied upon by the Westland Board and its shareholders. Consistently with the advice I gave to the Prime Minister on December 31, the Government in such circumstances is under a duty not to give information which is incomplete or inaccurate in any material particular.

"On the basis of the information contained in the documents to which I have referred, which I emphasise are all that I have seen, the sentence in your letter to Mr Horne does in my opinion contain material inaccuracies in the respects I have mentioned, and I therefore must advise that you should write again to Mr Horne correcting the inaccuracies."

I have quoted extensively from the letter which was published a week ago. As I have already indicated, it was especially important in this situation for statements made on behalf of the Government, on which commercial judgements might be based, to be accurate and in no way misleading.

That being so, it was a matter of duty that it should be made known publicly that there were thought to be material inaccuracies which needed to be corrected in Mr Heseltine's letter of January 3, which as the House will recall had already been made public.

Moreover, it was urgent that it should become public knowledge before 4pm that afternoon, January 6, when Sir John Cuckney was due to hold a press conference to announce the Westland Board's recommendation to shareholders of a revised proposal from the United Technologies Corporation/Fiat consortium.

These considerations were very much in the mind of Mr Brittan when the copy of the Solicitor General's letter was brought to his attention at 1.30pm that afternoon of January 6.

He took the view that the fact that the Solicitor General had written to the then Secretary of State for Defence and the opinion he had expressed should be brought into the public domain as soon as possible.

He asked his officials to discuss with my office whether the disclosure should be made, and if so whether it should be made from 10 Downing Street as he said he would prefer. He made it clar that, subject to the agreement of my Office, he was giving authority for the disclosure to be made from the Department of Trade and Industry, if it was not made from 10 Downing Street.

He expressed no view as to the form in which the disclosure should be made, though it was clear to all concerned that in the circumstances it was not possible to proceed by way of an agreed statement.

My office were accordingly approached. They did not seek my agreement: they considered – and they were right – that I should agree with Mr Brittan that the fact that the then Defence Secretary's letter of January 3 was thought by the Solicitor General to contain material inaccuracies which needed to be corrected, should become public knowledge as soon as possible, and before Sir John Cuckney's press conference.

It was accepted that the Department of Trade and Industry should disclose that fact; and that in view of the urgency of the matter the disclosure should be made by means of a telephone communication to the Press Association. I should have said that a different way must be found of making the relevant facts known.

The report finds, in the light of the evidence that the DTI acted in good faith in the knowledge that they had the authority of their Secretary of State and cover from my office for proceeding.

An official of the department accordingly told a representative of the PA of the Solicitor General's letter and material elements of what it said. The company was also informed. The information was on the Press Association tapes at 3.30pm.

Mr Brittan was in my judgement right in thinking that it was important that the possible existence of material inaccuracies in the then Secretary of State for Defence's letter of January 3 should become a matter of public knowledge, if possible before Sir John Cuckney's press conference at 4pm that day. Insofar as what my office said to the Department of Trade and Industry was based on the belief that I should have taken that view, had I been consulted, they were right.

The Attorney General has authorized me to inform the House that, having considered the report by the Head of the Civil Service, and on the material before him, he has decided, after consultation with, and with the full agreement of, the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Senior Treasury Counsel, that there is no justification for the institution of proceedings under the Official Secrets Act in respect of any of the persons concerned in this matter. (Loud laughter).

In order that there should be no impediment to co-operation in the inquiry, the Attorney General had authorized the Head of the Civil Service to tell one of the officials concerned, whose testimony would be vital to the inquiry, that he had the Attorney General's authority to say that, provided that he received full co-operation in his inquiry, the official concerned would not be prosecuted in respect of anything said during the course of the inquiry.

The Head of the Civil Service did indeed receive full co-operation, not only from that official, but from all concerned.

The Attorney General tells me that he is satisfied that that in no way interfered with the course of justice: on the facts disclosed in the inquiry, there would have been no question of proceeding against the official in question. (Labour shouts of "Resign").

Opposition presses for Cabinet resignations

Mr Kinnock: After persistent efforts we have managed to pull a statement from her, it had a detail produced, not by frankness, but by guilt and unerasable guilt. The stain will remain with her for as long as she endures in office.

Her excuses are completely implausible. She cannot justify or excuse her Government in any one respect in this squalid story. We have been told that the leaking of the letter was authorized by her office. It was connived at by her office, she says with her subsequent endorsement.

We have to ask, with her centralized and specialized style of government, where she was on January 3 that she could not be contacted on a matter as basic and central as this?

What was authorized was a conspiracy by people in the Department of Trade and Industry and her office to disclose certain parts of a letter written by a Law Officer to a member of the Cabinet about a matter important to public business.

That was their way of putting it in the public domain, not by open means but by subterfuge and dishonest means.

We have been told that there was an inquiry. There have been answers in this House from ministers, including the Prime Minister that an inquiry was being undertaken in the normal fashion.

Why was there an inquiry when everybody knew? (Labour cheers). Why was there an inquiry when everbody knew there would be no prosecution because a dispensation had been given.

The only comparable precedent for this act of contrived insincerity is the way Macbeth so fiercly looked around for the murderers of Duncan.

We hear from the Prime Minister that immunity was offered. Why was that the case when it was plain that there was to be no prosecution?

We have heard a shabby story, offered to divert the public. The fact is that the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and everybody else involved would have got away with it, were it not for the fact that in this democracy the Prime Minister had ultimately to make a statement.

They would hve dealt with the former member of the Cabinet, and Secretary of State of Defence, not by the means available to the Prime Minister if she believed he was acting contrary to the national interest – to sack him – but trying dishonestly and covertly to subvert him.

For the Government to leak to inform and influence public opinion is normal. For a Governemtn to leak to discredit anyone is shameful. For a Government to leak to subvert a member of that Government is the action of a Government which is rotten, not just rotten to the core, but rotten from the core. They should go. (Labour cheers)

Mrs Thatcher: In reply to what Mr Kinnock says, much of which I totally reject, "he has seen from the Solicitor General's letter, the Government had a duty to give accurate information and not to give any misleading information (Labour protests and interruptions) because that information could be used to make commercial judgements. Because of the possible inaccuracy it was important to get accurate information into the public domain in time for the meeting at 4 o'clock.

I agree, as I have indicated, that there would be a more correct method. The fact is that I was not consulted, as I have indicated.

I instituted an inquiry and Mr Kinnock would have been the first to castigate me if I had not.

I instituted an inquiry, starting on January 14, to find out the full facts because the full facts were not known. The inquiry reported on January 22 and I have made a full statement today, January 23.

Sir Edward Gardiner (Fylde, C): If, as is suggested was the case, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry had been aware or had been made aware, of what he believed to have been the misleading information which could have damaged seriously the future of Westland would he not have been under an overriding and imperative duty to correct that misleading impression and to protect Westland from further damage? If he had not fulfilled that duty he would have been failing in his duty as Secretary of State.

Mrs Thatcher: His analysis is correct. The Government had a duty to see that no misleading statements were made and that any such inaccuracy had to come into the public domain at the relevant time because commercial judgements were about to be taken.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party: Her whole statement reveals yet another chapter of shabby and astonishing behaviour in the higher reaches of her Government. She owes this House and the Civil Service an apology.

She has allowed nine days of a charade of an inquiry. She could have cleared up the whole matter, by calling in the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and her own press officer, in 10 minutes. Why was the Solicitor General not told that his letter was going to be used in that way? Why was the Secretary of State for Defence not told that the letter would be made public?

Why, if it was so important to make it public, was there not a clear Government statement of policy rather than using this hole-in-a-corner method? If she were living in

Heseltine: My every word stands uncorrected

the real world outside and conducted this inquiry she would now be on a charge of wasting police time.

Mrs Thatcher: The inquiry was set up to establish the facts. Had I refused the demand for an inquiry he would have criticized me. The inquiry established many facts which were not known to me. He said he would have done it without an inquiry, that is not what he would have said.

Mr Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh Central, C): There are Conservative MPs whose chief consideration in this matter is the integrity of government. Is she satisfied that her statement this afternoon has enhanced the integrity of her Government?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I have tried, having set up an inquiry and having seen the full report yesterday, to give as full an account as I possibly can because the House deserved to have it.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): Does she recall that a week ago when I asked the question she said the inquiry was going ahead, but it was not the custom to make a report to the House and she was not going to do so. When she gave that answer she must have known all the facts, so she concealed them from the House and country. When will she apologize for that?

Mrs Thatcher: No; he is not correct. I did not know all the facts. That is why an inquiry was set up. It is not the usual tradition or custom to give the outcome of these inquiries. There have been rare exceptions when that has been the case.

When I got the result of this inquiry I knew there would have to be another exception when a full statement would have to be made.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C): If we need a lesson in leaking we have only to remember the Crossman and Castle diaries from which we have learned that previous Labour governments leaked like a sieve.

Mrs Thatcher: A different way would have occurred had there been more time. The House should remember that there was a time constraint. It was urgent because of that meeting at four o'clock that afternoon.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab): As I listened to and watched this tawdry saga, while I no longer care about relationships between trade and industry ministers and industrialists or whether the machinery of government is being run properly, I know that if as Home Secretary I had set up an inquriy and thay had come back and said, "But, sir, you authorized it", I would have resigned.

Mrs Thatcher: I have given the facts indicating that I was not consulted. I hope he will have the decency to accept that statement.

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C): If what I said in the letter which was apparently so difficult, caused such concern, as it was in the hands of No 10 and the DTI on the Friday afternoon and there was no protest from colleagues about its contents, and as the first I heard of concern was late on Saturday night, when the Solicitor General told me he would be writing on the Monday, would it not have been possible for Colleagues to have considered and discussed, and perhaps even agreed, any withdrawal of anything in my letter that was misleading?

As I did respond to the Solicitor General and as the text of his letter has been published, would it not now be right for the text of my reply to be published as well? Will the Prime Minister accept that every word of the letter that I sent to the European consortium stands uncorrected by any statement by the Government.

Mrs Thatcher: The problem would never have arisen had he cleared his letter with the Solicitor General because on the basis of that letter commercial judgement would have been made. He did not do so.

He knew full well that I had cleared every word of mine because it was thought that it might be included in the prospectus or be material to it. Had he cleared his, this problem would never have arisen.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: When did her office tell her that they had given cover to the Secretary of State's office to reveal this letter? Was it January 6? January 7? Which date?

Why did she not come and tell this House since she knew that her office had been involved in this leak? How can she continue to hold the high office that she does when she constituted a leak inqury in the full knowledge that her office, and by implication herself, was fully involved in this whole sordid affair?

Mrs Thatcher: He has not taken fully into account every single thing in my statement. The inquiry was set up to establish the facts. An enormous number of facts were not known to me until yesterday when I got the result of the inquiry – January 22.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C): Many MPs opposite like Dr Owen, are not really interested in listening to the facts of the full account. What view might this House have taken of any minister in any government placed in such an invidious situation by the action of a colleague, who had failed in his duty to ensure that correct information was made public as soon as possible?

Mrs Thatcher: It would have been much easire, as the facts were commercially sensitive, if the relevant letters had been cleared, as was mine, with the Solicitor General. It is because we knew that judgements may be founded upon them and the Government could be liable if wrong judgements were made as a result of misleading information, it was vital to have correct information in the public domain. It was to get the information in the public domain I gave my consent.

Mr Jack Dormand (Easington, Lab): The Prime Minister said it was an open decision taken by No 10 to release the letter to the PA. Did she see Mr Chris Moncrieff (chief political correspondent to the PA) on the 9 o'clock news on television last night, who said there was not any way in which he was going to reveal where it came from, who it came from, or any details of it?

There is no more honourable member of the Press Gallery than Mr Moncrieff. Why would he say these words in contradiction of what the Prime Minister has told the House this afternoon?

Mrs Thatcher: I do not believe there is a contradiction. I have set out the full facts as a result of the inquiry. I have set them out extremely carefully and accurately and I hope that he will consider them with the same care as I have given to expressing them.

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SDP): As she and her Government sink deeper into the bog of deceit and chicanery, almost her only remaining memorable words will be: there were commercial decisions involved. Previous governments prior to her own have been activated by higher considerations.

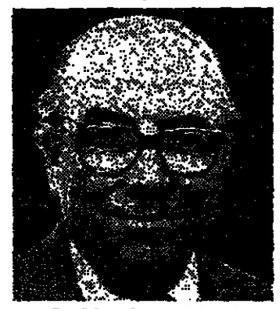
Mrs Thatcher: When commercial decisions of different reconstructions are made on the basis of a prospectus, legal obligations follow that the information shall not be misleading. I would have hoped that he might have accepted that.

Mr Patric Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): When the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry addressed this House at length last week, did he know he had authorized this leak?

Mrs Thatcher: The inquiry was under way. The inquiry has now reported.

Mr Tom Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): When did the Prime Minister's press office first tell her what they had done?

Mrs Thatcher: I have given a full account of the inquiry I established



Jenkins: Bog of deceit and chicanery

so that they could establish the facts. I have indicated that I was not consulted at the time.

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said he was a political correspondent for 13 years and the events in the DTI had not changed one jot from what were regular practices. If there was anger and criticism on the Conservative benches it was that a relatively minor matter should have been blown up in such a spectacular fashion.

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab): Does Mrs Thatcher consider that in six months she will have the same team, and will she be captain of the team?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab): When was Mrs Thatcher told by her officials of their involvement in agreeing to the disclosure by the DTI of the Solicitor General's letter?

Mrs Thatcher: A vast number of the facts were not known to me until yesterday (Wednesday). I am not going to tease out what was and what was not.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab): The whole episode was orchestrated to get rid of the former Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Heseltine). Exactly what he did he do wrong to merit such treatment?

Mrs Thatcher: Perhaps Mr Ashton has forgotten that Mr Heseltine took his own decision.

Mr John Stokes (Halesown and Stourbridge, C) said in his constituency nobody had mentioned Westlands and he had not received any letters about it.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab): Instead of the robust, fighting statement promised today by her to the Press, what we have is a shoddy, pathetic statement that will convince nobody about the deceitful way the Government goes about its business.

Whilst we are all pleased that no Civil Servant has been used as a scapegoat, if Mr Brittan had the least idea what honour meant he would have resigned by now.

Mrs Thatcher said she had deliberately set up the inquiry to establish the facts.

Dr Keith Hampson (Leeds North West, C) said Mr Heseltine's reply to the Solicitor-General should also have been made public, as well as the most damaging part of the Solicitor-General's letter to Mr Heseltine, so that the shareholders could make a proper judgement.

Mrs Thatcher said it was essential to make public the fact that there were possible inaccuracies which were relevant. She accepted at once it would have been better that a statement was made or information released in a different way.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): When the people of this country in the future examine these days, they will say that the Prime Minister did not tell the truth. (Conservative protests).

In 1963 Mr Profumo had admitted his contempt in deliberately misleading the House. This matter would be best dealt with by matters of privilege to find out the nature of the contempt.

Mrs Thatcher: No. I totally reject and resent Mr Campbell-Savours assertions.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas (Chelmsford, C): Whatever the faults of the Government in handling this situation – and there have been grave faults – nothing justifies the farrago of hypocrisy and cant we have had to endure from Opposition MPs.

Mrs Thatcher said throughout she had thought it vital that Westlands made a choice on the basis of correct and not misleading information.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) asked to whom was Mr Bernard Ingham, her press secretary, accountable and who decided his standing orders?

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Ingham has served successive governments with great devotion and dedication. I have great confidence in him.

Whitelaw attacks Heseltine

Viscount Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords, made a personal attack on Mr Heseltine's conduct, after repeating the statement in the House of Lords.

I am not in the business of seeking deliberately to run down my colleagues (he said) or to be unpleasant about other people in other parties. But I am bound to say, having observed what went on at close quarters, I have never in my time in the Cabinet seen more extraordinary behaviour to his Prime Minister and indeed to all his colleagues than was exhibited during this period by Mr Heseltine.

If you look at many of the things that have happened, that was one of the reasons why it was so difficult to carry on Cabinet Government in this period. I did not see in what the then Secretary of State for Defence did, anything which made joint Cabinet responsibility at all possible.

Because of what happened, I feel deeply and bitterly at the way I personally, as a Cabinet minister, was treated over that period of time and so indeed do my colleagues and we are entitled to say it. If I feel it, I shall certainly say it.

I am sorry. I bear Mr Heseltine no personal ill will but I cannot feel I was well treated. As a fellow colleague in Cabinet, I cannot feel that.

I still feel that if one member of the Cabinet decides to conduct a campaign such as the then Secretary of State for Defence decided to conduct against the policy of the rest of the Cabinet, it is extremely difficult for good Cabinet Government, confidentiality and joint Cabinet responsibility to be preserved.

Moves to allay fears over lenient sentences

The Government was still considering how to allay public fears about two lenient sentences, particularly for violent crimes. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, disclosed during questions in the Commons.

He said the Government had tried last session to include in the Prosecution of Offences Bill, a provision to allay public concern, but unfortunately, it was thrown out by the House of Lords. The Government was still considering how to revive that sanction.

This was a reference to the rejection in the Lords of a clause in the Prosectuion of Offences Bill to allow the Attorney General to refer lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal. Under the clause the court would not have been able to change the sentence, but could issue guidelines on the recommended level of sentences for such offences.

He was replying to Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) who said that in the minds of the public some of the sentences for the most bestial crimes of violences, by comparison with those for burglary, seemed to bear no relation. Some of the courts seemed to be totally out of touch with reality.

Mr Hurd said he noted with those remarks had a certain amount of support from other Conservative backbenchers. It was not up to Parliament to lay down what the courts should do but provide them with adequate sentencing powers.

Interest rates

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, replying to Mr Neil Kinnock, the Leader of the Opposition, said she had no change to announce in interest rates.

Interest rate rises were unwelcome. Markets had been unsettled this week as the oil price had fallen but the Bank of England had maintained its current dealing rates.

Speaker sticks to ruling

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) declared in the Commons that he would not change his ruling yesterday that Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was not quoting from a Cabinet document in his speech on the Westland controversy.

He said he had looked at the papers handed to him by Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workinton, Lab).

There were only minor differences between the extract and the words read out by Mr Campbell-Savours when he raised his point of order. But this did not affect his (Mr Weatherill's) earlier ruling that passage in Mr Brittan's speech complained of was not a quotation.

I am not responsible (he continued) for looking behind words said in the House or to check if words used by ministers are also be be found in official document. It would be putting an impossible burden on any Speaker to ask him to do that.

Why Libyan was admitted

The case of Salah Abdessalem Ben Rahba, a member of the Libyan People's Bureau in London who was expelled after the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, was unique, the Prime Minister told the Commons when she explained how he came to be allowed to return to Britain.

Mr Dennis Walters: (Westbury, C) said during Commons questions that WPC Fletcher's parents, who lived in his constituency, were understandably upset at the decision to allow the return of a member of the bureau to England and to Wiltshire.

Will the Prime Minister (he asked) assure us that this will not be looked upon as a precedent for other members of the bureau?

Mrs Thatcher: I believe the case was unique. Mr Ben Rahba applied for a visa to reenter the United Kingdom to rejoin his English wife and children.

The application was rejected by the Home Office because of his presence in the bureau during the shooting. He exercised his right of appeal and the adjudicator found in his favour. (Some cries of "Shame".)

Visit to Israel

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, hopes to visit Israel later this year, she indicated during Commons questions when commenting on her talks with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, which she described as enjoyable, interesting and constructive.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Obscene Publications (Protection of Children, Etc) (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

Rate support in Scotland

Aggregate Exchequer grant for 1986-87 would be £2,008.65m, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in moving the Scottish rate support grant order in the Commons late on Wednesday night. It was 56.1 per cent of relevant expenditure, a reduction on the grant percentage in the current year.

This was to put further pressure on authorities to bring their spending into line. Final out-turns were above provisional outturns for many authorities, so grant penalties, such as Lothian Region, were showing further reductions in expenditure and thus also reductions in penalties.

If local authorities spent sensibly there was every reason why any rate increases should be low. If they spent in line with guidelines, there would be no grant penalties and the overall level of rates would come down.

The order was carried by 221 votes to 180 – Government majority, 41.

Channel rail link reaction

BR to build four platforms at Waterloo

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

British Rail yesterday disclosed plans for four extra platforms at Waterloo station to take Channel tunnel trains. They will follow a modified route that will differ from both the existing 77-mile lines from London to Dover.

The platforms would be built to the north of platforms used by trains to Richmond, Reading and Windsor. Tracks would be modified so trains could turn left on a new spur just before Queenstown Road station in Battersea. That would take them on to the Victoria to Kent line through Peckham.

But the tunnel trains would leave that route on existing tracks in south-east London to join the line from Charing Cross to Dover through Ashford.

BR said that the new platforms and track at Waterloo could be built mainly on railway land. But the plan to make Waterloo the sole tunnel rail terminal was opposed by the Labour-controlled Lambeth council and by the Waterloo Community Development Group, which is financed by the Greater London Council.

Lambeth whose area includes Waterloo station, is to hold a public inquiry into the scheme because the Goverment has refused to do so. A spokesman said that BR should consider tunnel terminal facilities at more than one London station.

The council also wanted customs checks for tunnel passengers to be carried out on trains to avoid bottlenecks at stations. Mr Steve Barran, co-ordinator of the development group, said: "There is extreme concern that it will bring development pressures of the type that the people of Waterloo have been fighting for years."

● Within a day of the Channel tunnel rail link announcement on Monday, a representative of Wimpey, one of the country's largest building firms, arrived in the Folkestone area looking for plots of land to buy (Our Property Correspondent writes).

He was the first of many builders expected in the area around Cheriton, the site of the terminals, heralding a period of intense activity in the residential and commercial property markets. Substantial price rises are expected during the next few year.

Some agents have plans to increase staff to cope with the demand. Although the year has started well for the property market in the area, there was little anticipation of the decision because of false alarms in the past.

Now, however, "industrialists and potential investors in Kent and Sussex need to take up their options quickly or be left behind in the rush to acquire land and leases in the South-east," Mr John Bishop, chairman of Geering and Colyer, part of the Lloyds Bank-owned Black Horse agencies, said.

He said the decision signalled a rise in rents for offices, factories, warehousing and retail space, and an increase in house prices beyond the projected growth figure of 10 per cent for 1986.

Mr Bishop, whose firm has more than 20 offices in Kent and Sussex, believed the east Kent would benefit first, with a ripple effect moving from the construction site across the counties.

Mr Roddy Loder-Symonds, a partner at Strutt and Parker's Canterbury office, said that people were concerned about the environmental impact of the tunnel, but added, "we have to accept it will come, and must think positively in order to get it on the best terms for county".

● Plans for a new high-speed locomotive which could pull Channel tunnel trains were disclosed yesterday as British Rail announced a £25 million order for 29 of them (Patricia Clough writes).

The Class 87/2 locomotives, to be built by British Rail Engineering at Derby and Crewe could become a front runner for the Paris-London rail shuttle and the company has already submitted plans to the Channel Tunnel group which is building the project.

The company, which is run on private lines although owned by British Rail, is planning to export similar engines as part of its policy to develop international markets.

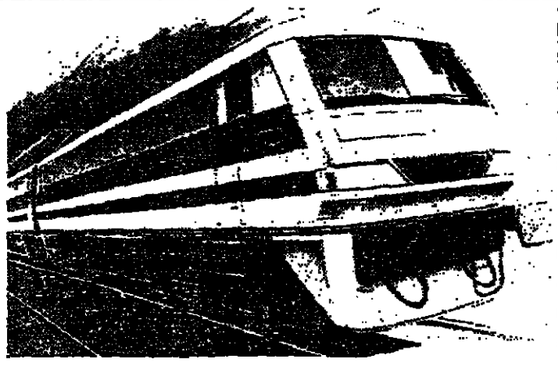
● Townsend Thoresen, the ferry operators, yesterday announced further cuts in fares and the introduction of free travel for members of its "junior sailors club". Last month the company published fares which showed many reductions or minimal increases on 1985 prices (The Press Association reports).

The Channel tunnel is likely to be unpopular with the public, according to a survey published yesterday.

Assuming that there is no difference in price, 46 per cent of those canvassed would not use it at all if they could go by ferry or hovercraft, the survey conducted by BJM Research Partners found. That figure would rise to 56 per cent if people were travelling by car.

The survey also showed that 43 per cent of those asked would prefer a road link, whether they intended to use it or not, and only 31 per cent favoured a rail tunnel.

Women were markedly more nervous of travelling in the tunnel than men. Sixty-five per cent of women in the survey said they would be "concerned" about using it, compared with 40 per cent of men. Fifty-eight per cent of women and only 33 per cent of men said they would not go through the tunnel if given another way of making the crossing.



An artist's impression of British Rail Engineering's planned 110 mph Class 87/2 locomotive which could pull Channel tunnel trains. They will incorporate the latest electronic technology and will require less maintenance than existing engines.

'Defence of Irish' plea by doctor

Maire O'Shea, a consultant psychiatrist, told a jury yesterday of the political organization she had joined after coming to Britain from the Irish Republic

Dr O'Shea, aged 66, denies a charge at Manchester Crown Court that she conspired to cause a bomb explosion aimed at a retired Strategic Air Service Regiment colonel.

Dr O'Shea, of Solihull Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, said that at various times she had been a member of the Communist Party, the Labour Party, Civil Rights, the Connolly Association, the anti-internment committee and the Troops Out Movement.

One of two men accused with her on the bomb conspiracy charge changed his plea to guilty yesterday. He was William Grimes, aged 43, unemployed, of Dublin. He also admitted a further charge of possessing 2.45 kg of gelignite and a detonator. He will be sentenced after the trial.

The third accused who denies conspiracy is Patrick Brazil, aged 34, able seaman, of Dublin.

The trial continues today.

College wins cruelty appeal

The Royal College of Surgeons was cleared at the High Court yesterday of causing unnecessary suffering to a monkey at one of its research establishments.

After a private prosecution by the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection at Bromley Magistrates' Court in February last year the RCS was fined £250 for an offence under the Protection of Animals Act 1911.

The action was brought after the female Macaque monkey was found in a state of collapse during a protest raid by the South East Animal Liberation League on the Buckton Browne farm research establishment in Downe, near Orpington, Kent.

The RCS appealed to the crown court, which upheld the conviction but found that the dehydration was due to the domination of the female monkey by a male. This had caused her to stop drinking.

Yesterday Lord Justice Lloyd, sitting with Mr Justice Skinner, said the RCS had had no opportunity at the time of the appeal of defending the allegation and the conviction could not stand.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

It would take a long time to find a precedent for the proceedings in the House of Commons yesterday. The Prime Minister was acknowledging that an official inquiry had been set up to discover the facts of a leak of information which had been authorized by her own office.

As always, Mrs Margaret Thatcher's nerve was breathtaking. But she was unable to remove the impression that the inquiry had been a charade, designed to conceal the truth if that had been possible, and that yesterda's disclosure was being made simply because it had been forced upon her. The dangerous suspicion that the Government had been perpetrating a trick was not dissolved by her statement or by her answers to questions.

For much of the time, the expression on the faces of Conservative backbenchers varied between stoicism and anguish. As time went on, with questions and answers on Mrs Thatcher's statement, the Conservatives began to recover their voices and to shout back at the jubilant Opposition benches.

It is the considered reaction of the Conservative Party in the Commons that will be the Government's immediate concern. If their ranks do not hold, Mrs Thatcher and other ministers will be in very serious trouble. No doubt with that consideration in mind, a deliberate attempt to rally Conservative spirits, was made in particular by Mr Cranleigh Onslow, the chairman of the 1922 Committee.

The principal argument used by Mrs Thatcher's defenders was that the uncertain position of the Westland company make it necessary for accurate information to be publicly available before Sir John Cuckney, the chairman of the chairman of company, held a press conference on the afternoon of January 6.

Unpleasant taste

In other words, the alleged inaccuracies in a letter from Mr Michael Heseltine three days before had to be publicly corrected as a matter of urgency.

Even if it were accepted that Mr Heseltine's letter did contain inaccuracies, which is hotly disputed, that would not explain why parts of the Solicitor General's letter were disclosed in such a damaging fashion without either his approval, or Mr Heseltine's. The prime minister expressed her regret at the manner of disclosure – her one concession to her critics – but that does not dispose of all questions.

Governments and journalists live by leaks, and it would be wrong to be sanctimonious about indirect disclosures of official information not, the process of government would be even more secretive than it is.

Yet it still leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouth that ministers should leak such information in a way that was calculated to inflict the greatest personal damage on the very colleague whom they have been criticizing for failing to accept the discipline of collective cabinet responsibility.

None the less, unpleasant as it has been, extraordinary though the Prime Minister's statement was, will all the furore prove to be more than a nine-day wonder? May it even turn out to be one of those political excitements which raise the temperature more at Westminster than in the country?

Uncertainties remain

That is what most Conservative MPs will be hoping. Their instinct to draw together in times of trouble should never be underestimated. I think this is now the dominant wish of most of them.

But I doubt if the present controversy will be so quickly set to rest. Frank as she was about some things, Mrs Thatcher did not manage to clear up all uncertainties yesterday.

In particular, she was unwilling to provide a direct and unequivocal answer as to when she knew that her office had authorized the leak of the Solicitor General's letter.

This means that the pursuit will continue, and that attention will now focus more directly on her conduct. Whatever may be thought of Mr Leon Brittan's actions, I do not see that he should be expected to carry sole responsibility for an action authorized by the Prime Minister's office.

There is nothing the Government and the Conservative party would like more than to draw a line under this whole sorry business. But it is hard to do that with selective frankness.

Presidential campaign

Portugal's tense election pits united right against three left-wing contenders

From Richard Wigg, Lisbon

Portugal's presidential elections on Sunday have turned into a tense tug-of-war over different views of society.

The break-up last summer of a centrist coalition Government made up of Socialists and Social Democrats already threatened such a polorization between right and left, and last October's inconclusive general election made it unavoidable. A minority Social Democrat government, led by Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva emerged, with the support of only 30 per cent of the voters.

This explains why Professor Diogo Freitas do Amaral, the candidate of a united Portuguese right, will face a second round run-off in mid-February. After yesterday's withdrawal by the Communist candidate, he still faces three well-known opponents on the left.

President Antônio Eanes, who cannot constitutionally have a third term, won his two five-year spells in office with outright majorities the first time of asking.

The campaign has resembled a primary between Dr Mário Soares, the former Socialist Prime Minister, and two rivals. One is Dr Francisco Salgado Zenha, once his number two in the Socialist Party and now engaged in a contest which is bound to worsen the party's post-electoral fortunes.

The other is Senhora Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo, a doughty Catholic professional woman who was briefly Prime Minister in 1979. She has lent a "Third World" flavour to the campaign, rather as Lieutenant-Colonel Otelo Saraiva, the 1974 revolutionary hero who is now on trial as a terrorist, did in a previous presidential contest.

Having lost the October elections, Portugal's left is striving hard for the presidency. It is an influential post, as President Eanes has shown, but it can also be a frequent source of conflict with the Government.

Dr Soares was out campaigning yesterday on central Lisbon streets. He avoided working-class districts, however, perhaps after being physically assaulted earlier in the campaign in central Portugal by factory workers who were protesting that their salaries had not been paid for months.

His basic strategy is still to seek the middle-of-road- vote, especially among those Social Democrats who regard Professor Freitas as too right wing. The former Prime Minister has gone down well in the conservative north.

Dr Soares, whose spirits have revived since the severe rebuff given him last Ocotober, is evidently still hoping to crown his career with the presidency, assisted perhaps by a "consolation vote" from the Portuguese who do not much care for politics but like his personal image of bonhomie, stability and shunning of extremes.

Dr Zenha, his rival, is the candidate publicly favoured by President Eanes, whose wife, Manuela, has campaigned for the 62-year-old lawyer.

The Communists have also contributed to the polarization by telling their supporters to back Dr Zenha. This explained the successful day he had in Lisbon's industrial belt south of the River Tagus.

Both the Communits and the Democratic renewal Party which President Eanes will soon be leading after stepping down are exploiting the decline in Socialist fortunes.

Whoever wins, Portugal will have a President who is not drawn from the armed forces for the first time in more than 50 years.

Bonn gives Japanese respite from trade issue

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

Mr Shinton Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who is touring European capitals, seems to have been given some respite here from what for him is the usual topic: his country's alleged inhospitality towards non-Japanese goods (Frank Johnson writes).

Yesterday, Mr Abe had talks with the West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, and the Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher. On Tuesday his two-day visit had begun with a meeting with Herr Genscher.

Alleged Japanese protectionism apparently was raised by the West Germans, but not with the same passion as in other capitals, including London, where Mr Abe apparently was addressed vigorously on the subject by Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Although West Germany has a trade deficit with Japan, it is not so large as that of other European countries.

The talks also covered the United States' Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) since Japan is shortly to follow West Germany in sending a delegation to Washington to see what contracts it can win from the SDI. Mr Abe also breifed his hosts on the recent improvements in Soviet-Japanese relations after the first visit to Japan by a Soviet Foreign Minister for 10 years.

Mr Shintaro Abe, the Japanese Foreign Minister, greeting Chancellor Kohl of West Germany before their talks in Bonn yesterday.

Gandhi complex contest

The Indian government has launched an international architectural competition for an arts complex in Delhi commemorating Indira Gandhi (Charles Knevitt writes).

The winner is to receive the equivalent of £57,000 and the commission. The buildings are expected to cost at least £50 million.

The National Arts Centre will be built on a 25-acre site on two key axes of Sir Edwin Lutyens's master-plan for Delhi.

Accused politician meets two ministers

From M. G. G. Pillai
Kuala Lumpur

Mr Daim Zainuddin and Mr Richard Hu, the Malaysian and Singapore Finance Ministers, held talks in Singapore yesterday as Mr Tan Koon Swan, the prominent Malaysian businessman and politician, pleaded not guilty to six charges of criminal breach of trust totalling 5.5 million Singapore dollars (£1.8 million).

The charges relate to the collapse of Pan Electric Industries, a Singapore-based conglomerate with about 90 subsidiaries and offices in 60 countries, last December. Mr Tan was arrested on Tuesday, while he was attempting a rescue operation of the company.

Mr Tan was released on 20 million Singapore dollars bail, the highest ever set by a Singapore court, but he cannot leave Singapore because his passport was impounded. The hearing is set for January 30.

No details of the talks are available but Mr Daim said in a statement after meeting Mr Hu and Mr Tan that he would report to Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister.

Mr Tan is President of the Malaysian Chinese Association, a senior partner of the ruling coalition, and the arrest has embarrassed Malaysia and appears to have strained relations between the two countries.

Rambo-style mission to Laos failed

Paris (AP) – Three American Vietnam war veterans tried unsuccessfully last September to free an American believed to be held in a Laotian labour camp, the Paris daily *Le Figaro* reported yesterday in an interview with a Frenchman who said he took part in the mission.

It quoted M Pierre O'Reilly, identified as a French businessman, aged 43, now living in California, as saying he contributed $23,000 (£16,000) to the private effort, codenamed "Snatch."

Interviewed during a visit to Paris, M O'Reilly told *Le Figaro* the mission was planned after the American veterans received information from unspecified contacts in Thailand and Laos that a Laotian Army captain would trade an American Vietnam-War era prisoner for a sum of money and guarantees of safe passage out of Laos for himself and his family. The informants claimed the American was seriously ill.

But when the three Americans slipped into Laos secretly on September 24, the Laotian officer demanded $40,000 instead of the $30,000 the team had brought and the deal fell throught.

M O'Reilly, who said he accompanied the team as far as Bangkok, added that the Americans returned to the US where they were trying to raise additional money for a second mission.

"I put $23,000 into this affair strictly for humanitarian reasons," the newspaper quoted him as saying. "These Vietnam veterans are very convinced that their comrades are still alive and they are waiting to get them out of there."

He identified the three-man team as former Marine Sergeant Vinnie Arnone, aged 39, and two other veterans, Ken O'Connel and Kevin Hannaford.

On September 17, the three flew from Boston to Paris, where M O'Reilly was waiting.

The four then travelled to Bangkok, from where the three-man team slipped into Laos by boat across the Mekong river and made their way with a Laotian guide to a village in central Laos.

Reagan's pledge on abortion

From Michael Binyon
Washington

President Reagan told the annual rally here on Wednesday of the anti-abortion "pro-life" lobbyists that an alternative to abortion had to be found and renewed his pledge that no government funds would be used for abortions in the United States of abroad.

Speaking by a radio link from the White House to several thousand demonstrators gathered outside Mr Reagan said he was proud to be associate with the march. He echoed Mother Teresa, who visited him recently in the White House by saying that abortion was the greatest destroyer of peace. To cheers and applause he called for respect for "the most basic of civil rights – the right to life". He met the rally's leaders later in the day.

Abortion opponents have been marching and lobbying for 13 years to end legal abortion in the US, but the Reagan Administration, though sympathetic, has carefully avoided any commitment to seek a constitutional amendment overturning the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion. His message was essentially the same as that to a similar rally here last year.

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Zulu-Pondo feud erupts again as 30 die in Natal tribal battles

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

At least 30 deaths were reported in renewed clashes yesterday and Wednesday between Zulus and Xhosa-speaking Pondos in the Umbumbulu coastal area south of Durban, where more than 60 people were killed in fighting over Christmas. Police expect even more bodies will be found.

Reporters who went to the scene said about 500 Pondos and 1,000 Zulus were involved in running battles with spears, knives, sticks, hatchets, knobkerries and primitive home-made guns.

A police anti-riot squad came under attack from Pondo mobs when it tried to separate the warring factions and had to use guns and tear gas to control the situation. A police spokesman said 484 Pondos were arrested and would be charged with public violence.

The trouble began on Wednesday afternoon when a party of Zulus attacked Pondos returning home from work in Durban as they got off the train at Isipingo station. One Pondo was set alight and later died from his burns in hospital.

Early yesterday, about 500 Pondos made a retaliatory raid into Zulu territory at Kwamakhutha, but the Zulus were expecting them and drove them back towards the shanty settlements at Malagazi and Umbogintwini.

As they retreated, the Pondos attacked a shop and liquor store owned by Mr Roy Mbongwe, a member of the legislative assembly of the KwaZulu tribal homeland, but were driven off by Mr Mbongwe's son who opened fire on the mob with a shotgun.

The pursuing Zulus eventually caught their prey and the fighting raged for several hours until brought to a stop by police. Many Pondos' shacks were set on fire – some by Pondos themselves before they were taken away by police.

With most of the country reserved for the use and occupation of the white minority, there is intense competition among blacks for land and squatter sites, particularly close to industrial areas where jobs can be found which are not available in the poverty-stricken tribal homelands.

In recent years, Pondos, who come from the Transkei homeland, have migrated northwards in large numbers to the Umbumbulu area, which lies in traditional Zulu territory on the edge of new industrial development south of Durban. Zulus resent the Pondos as interlopers.

Meanwhile, Transvaal police are investigating reports that black miners who killed two white policemen when they tried to break up a union meeting on Tuesday had been treated by a *sangoma* (witch doctor) and believed they had been given immunity to police bullets.

Small cuts were made on the necks, foreheads and other parts of the miners' bodies and these were then smeared with some kind of *muti*, an African medicinal potion, according to a spokesman for the mine west of Johannesburg where the incident occurred. This is said to explain why the miners were not deterred by shots from the two policemen's pistols.

A total of 250 people have been arrested as a result of the clash, and 11 miners have been charged with murder. The two policemen, the first white police to die in the unrest, will be buried with full military honours today.

● **CAPE TOWN:** A postal worker was injured yesterday when a suspected letter bomb exploded in a mailbag at a railway station sorting office here (Reuter reports).

The mailbag was labelled for Luanda, capital of neighbouring Angola. The station's chief postal inspector told the South African Press Association that after the explosion there were thousands of papers floating in the air in the postal sorting section. The postal worker was injured in the leg and taken to hospital.

Zulu warriors standing at the roadside near Kwa Makhuta south of Durban during a lull in the tribal faction fighting with rival Pondos which has claimed 30 lives.

Refugees face move from Lesotho

New York (AFP) – Lesotho's new military ruler, Major-General Justin Lekhanya, has informed the United Nations that he plans to send all South African refugees in his country to "second countries of asylum".

Major-General Lekhanya, in a letter to the UN Secretary-General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said, however, that his government would not turn the refugees over to South Africa.

● *Minister detained:* A former Lesotho Cabinet Minister is in detention and others are under varying degrees of house arrest, according to diplomatic sources in Maseru (Michael Hornsby writes).

Otherwise there is little hard information about the fate of members of the former Government and its Prime Minister, Chief Leabua Jonathan.

The arrested minister is said to be Mr Francis Matholoane.

ABC to go ahead with 'Amerika' TV series

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

The US television network which shelved its plans to make a drama series about America under the Russian heel has now decided to go ahead with the programme after complaints that the network had caved in to Russian pressure.

The series, written but as yet unfilmed, will depict a drab America ten years after a bloodless coup by the KGB. It is called *Amerika* and is intended as a major ratings-booster for the ABC network, which is ranked third of the three in terms of viewing figures.

Amerika was in a list of films, with *Rambo*, *Rocky IV* and *Red Dawn*, recently criticized by the Russians as likely to encourage hatred. In the United States, too, the project was described as a hinderance to better relations with the Soviet Union.

Earlier this month ABC said it was postponing the series, chiefly for budgetary reasons. But another consideration was a warning from the Soviet Foreign Ministry that it would be "unfortunate" if the relationship between ABC News in Moscow and Russian officials were to suffer because of the series.

Although some US newspapers and other commentators expressed relief at the shelving of what they thought a foolish idea, conservative commentators were affronted that an American network had bowed to Russian pressure.

Thus, the question became one not only of budget, but also of "standing tall". The 12-part series will be broadcast next year and, says ABC, will be about freedom and the American character.

Marx and Party turn off China readers

From Mary Lee, Peking

The mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party, the *People's Daily*, is losing its voice through falling circulation, according to a newspaper survey published in the *China Daily* yesterday. The report said the *People's Daily's* 1986 circulation (established through subscriptions registered last December with the Postal Bureau, which distributes all publications) stands at 3.68 million, representing a 8.6 per cent drop in circulation in a year.

In fact, the *People's Daily* has lost considerably more readers since 1983, when it sold six million copies. Diplomats attribute its declining circulation to several factors, including the loss of public interest in party pronouncements.

One Chinese intellectual commented: "Few individuals buy the *People's Daily*. Nearly all the subscriptions are taken out by work units who must have a copy of it in the office. Even then, few people read it with any interest. No one cares about the internal party debates about Marxism any more."

Officially, however, the cause of the decline is seen as the proliferation of local tabloids and other specialist publications. Forty such newspapers now command a total circulation of more than seven million. The other three national party newspapers – the *Economic Daily*, *Guangming Daily* and the *Liberation Army Daily* – have also suffered fall-offs.

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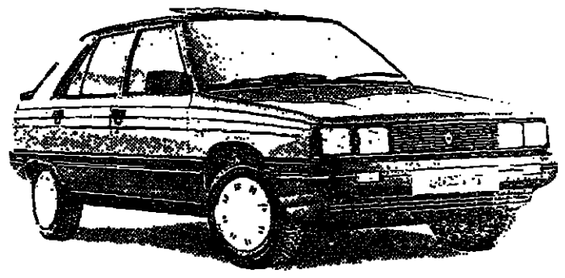

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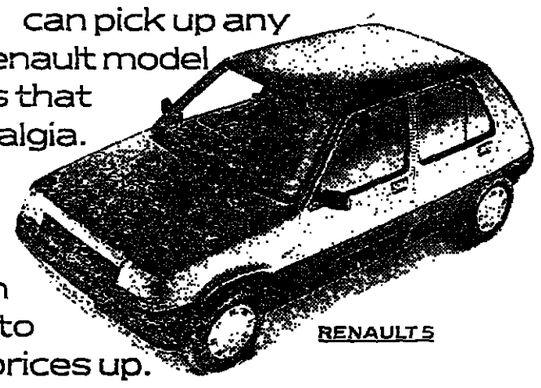

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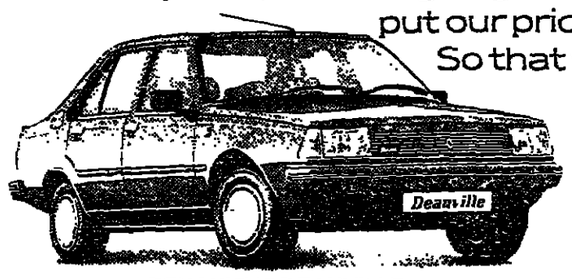

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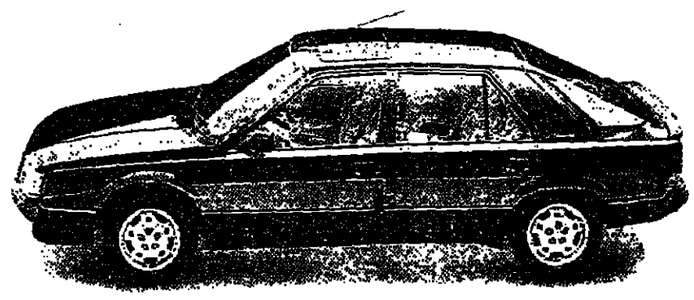

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Uranus moons clue to mystery of rings

Pasadena, California (AFP) – Nasa technicians were flashing final radio instructions, which take three hours to arrive, to the US space probe Voyager 2 yesterday as it neared a historic rendezvous with Uranus today.

But Voyager, nearly eight years after being launched and now nearly two billion miles from Earth, was already unlocking some of the planet's secrets, having reported two further moons, wind and cloud.

It was the first time an atmosphere had been detected around Uranus, the seventh planet in the solar system and third-biggest after Jupiter and Saturn.

Voyager's photographs showed Uranus like a huge blue-green striped billiard ball, technicians said at Nasa's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Their aim was to manoeuvre Voyager into the best position to observe Uranus as it slips past at more than 40,000 miles an hour today, a mere 50,625 miles away.

The two new small moons already located by Voyager brought its number of discerned moons to 14. Five had already been observed by telescope from Earth and seven others were photographed by Voyager in the past few weeks.

The two "new" ones appeared to be the first detracted of the 18 which astronomers suspect operate in pairs, "escorting" and stabilizing by gravity Uranus's nine surrounding rings. Uranus may have up to 30 moons.

But many mysteries remained to be solved, inlcuding what the rings themselves consist of, and what "climate" and atmosphere lie under a heavy enveloping gassy cloud. It is also unclear if Uranus has a magnetic field.

● Photographs transmitted by Voyager 2 have revealed a brownish haze at its south pole. Scientists also reported that the pictures showed the five largest moons were distinctly different from one another in appearance and brightness (NYT reports).

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Cruise missile goes astray by 35 miles

From John Best, Ottawa

American and Canadian experts yesterday were seeking to find the cause of a malfunction on a US cruise missile at the end of a test flight over north-western Canada on Wednesday.

The air-launched missile came down 35 miles from where it was supposed to land after a four-hour flight from high over the Canadian Arctic to the Canadian forces base at Cold Lake, Alberta.

Yesterday, a Canadian-American team set out to recover it. It was spotted by a helicopter crew shortly before dusk on Wednesday, hours after the missile's unplanned landing.

Captain Yves Genereux, a Canadian military spokesman, said: "We have no idea of the extent of the damage."

The missile came down five minutes earlier than planned as it was making a series of programmed loops around the instrument range to burn off excess fuel. Some reports said a parachute that was supposed to open in the final moments failed to deploy, causing the unarmed cruise to crash.

Anger over free Concorde trip by UN envoys

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

A group of ambassadors from countries serving on the United Nations Security Council has accepted an invitation for a trip to Paris and a wine tasting tour in the heart of Burgundy that has struck many diplomatic observers as a journey too enjoyable to be appropriate.

M Claude de Kemoularia, the French Ambassdor to the UN, arranged the trip for his colleagues on the Council despite the prevailing climate of austerity at the UN and the ongoing struggle by the Security Council for it to be taken seriously.

The permanent representatives of Britain, the US, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela and the Soviet Union have declined the invitation but for those willing M de Kemoularia has arranged the free flight to Paris, compliments of Air France, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Concorde.

The Security Council on Wednesday adjourned debate until Monday on a complaint by Islamic countries that Israelis had profaned the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem.

Four EEC nations reject Danish reform objection

By Our Foreign Staff

Four EEC nations have rejected Denmark's demand to renegotiate the Luxembourg package of EEC reforms.

M Ronald Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, said after dining with Mr Uffe Elleman-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, in Paris on Wednesday night that there could be no question of renegotiating it.

He believed tha Danish Parliament's objections were based on "false problems and errors of interpretation".

West German Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, told reporters after talks with Mr Elleman-Jensen that a Danish rejection of the package would be seen as rejection of the Community.

Spain is also opposed to any renegotiation, the Spanish Foreign Minister, Señor Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, said in Madrid where Mr Elleman-Jensen was also a visitor.

Finally, Greece gave its "thumbs-down". Mr Theodoros Pangalos, the deputy Foreign Minister, told an Athens press conference that his country had achieved important objectives during the negotiations.

Reluctant Israeli MPs agree on tough new budget cuts

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Reluctantly but dutifully most Labour members of the Knesset have voted for a first reading of another very tough budget for Israel. It will cut government spending in almost every department and will almost certainly increase unemployment.

Mrs Ora Namir admitted she had to grit her teeth in order to vote for the budget, and most of her colleagues in the House felt the same.

But members generally accepted the argument of Mr Yitzak Modai, the Finance Minister, that continued austerity was crucial for the Israeli economy. He said that the tough measures aready in force were beginning to create stability, but more effort was needed before Israelis would "be able to live honourably and comfortably from their own work".

One of the few to abstain was the Secretary General of the Histadrut Labour Federation, Mr Yisrael Kessar, who must soon lead national wage negotiations on behalf of his members. He said 40 per cent of the unemployed were in the 18-24 age group and the clear message of the budget to young people seeking work after finishing national service was: "We are healing the economy. Dont count on us to find your a job".

The lion's share (40 per cent) of the $21,600 million budget will be needed to pay interest and debts incurred before the government's austerity programme began 18 months ago.

Defence will continue to take a quarter, though extensive pruning in military spending has been carried out. Defence Ministry officials claim that the cuts are endangering national security and that an extra $500 million is needed just to confront present risks.

Pensions and social security payments take about 18 per cent, with only 10 per cent left for non-military spending and 7 per cent earmarked for investment.

Cuts imposed include $43 million from education, with parents being made to pay $60 in an annual levy for each of the first two schoolchildren in a family. Another $65 million is being slashed from the national insurance budget, $23 million from health services and $8 million in other welfare departments.

Some savings will come from making another 4,000 public servants redundant, in addition to the 14,000 laid off over the past 18 months.

The Finance Ministry estimates that with this budget the economy should grow by a modest 2.4 per cent this year after declining 5 per cent last year. This small growth will not stop a further increase in unemployment, which averaged 6.5 per cent last year, to about 7.4 per cent.

Israel's total revenue will still fall well short of needed spending. Only substantial American aid can make the books balance.

Since American economic aid worldwide is now being cut by 4.3 per cent, Israel has just had to hand back $51 million of the $1,200 million it received last October, or 4.3 per cent of its receipts from the US. On its own Israel receives one-third of all American economic aid.

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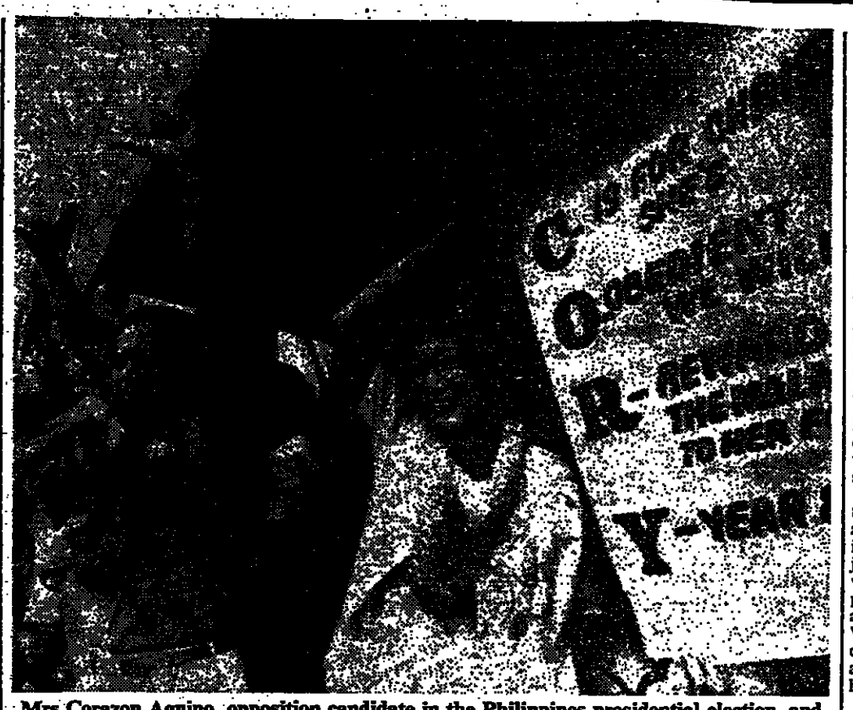

Mrs Corazon Aquino, opposition candidate in the Philippines presidential election, and her vice-presidential running mate, Mr Salvador Laurel, with a placard bearing her nickname, at an election rally in Butuan, Mindanao Island.

Marcos defends his war record

Manila (Reuter) – President Marcos, commenting on foreign press reports that his Second World War military record claims are false, yesterday invited war veterans to answer for him.

Mr Marcos, campaigning in the Manila shanty town district of Tondo, told a crowd estimated by reporters at 40,000: "Our opponents said that Marcos was not a true guerrilla, that he was not in the thick of the fight. The (war) veterans should answer that accusation."

Teh New York Times reported yesterday that US Army records discovered last year say there is no basis for Mr Marcos's claims that he was a guerrilla leader during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines.

President Marcos, who is 68, has emphasized his war record in almost every rally he has held in campaigning for re-election on February 7.

President Marcos has 27 Second World War medals.

Tamils urged to free British woman suspected of spying

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

The British High Commission in Colombo has appealed to a Tamil guerrilla group to release the kidnapped Briton Mrs Penelope Willis, aged 64. She was seized by the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (Eros) last Friday from Mullattivu in north-eastern Sri anka.

The guerrillas, in a statement issued from the South Indian city of Madrashave claimed they are holding her on suspicion that she was a spy.

Independent sources said that the guerrillas became suspicious after she arrived in Muflattivu in a hired self-drive car. Foreign journalists are not allowed to visit the northern and eastern provinces and are turned back at security checkpoints. Mrs Willis, however, is said to have carried a written authority from a military officer which enabled her to move freely.

This is the third visit to Sri Lanka by Mrs Willis, who was in Jaffna in northern Sri Lanka last October. She is said to have written articles in journals covering international affairs under the pen name of Tremayne.

A British spokesman said: "her interest in visiting the north of Sri Lanka was to ensure that she obtained a balanced picture of the inter-communal problem including the views of the separatist groups, in order to give authenticity to articles that she hoped to write on Sri Lanka."

He said Mrs Willis was unharmed.

● **Family fears:** Members of Mrs Willis's family in Cornwall are waiting anxiously for news of her. Mrs Willis is from a well-known Cornish family. Her father was the late Air Marshal Sir John Tremayne.

She lives with her husband Harold in the small village of Sladesbridge, near Wadebridge in north Cornwall. They have a grown-up son and daughter.

Her sister, Miss Damarisk Tremayne, said yesterday: "Naturally we are very concerned. She's not strong and she's on some medication or other."

Meanwhile, Mr Willis is staying in London with friends while he waits for news from the Foreign Office.

● **Aircraft hit:** An Army aircraft carrying troops returning from leave and a helicopter involved in an attack against Tamil guerrillas were fired at yesterday in the Jaffna district. One passenger in the plane and a soldier in the helicopter were injured.

Meanwhile, in Colombo, the Sri Lanka Parliament voted by 125 to 1 to extend the state of emergency on the island. The Communist Party's Moscow wing voted against while, Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party and the socialist Mahajana Eksath Peramuna abstained.

Fiat may face action over press monopoly

From John Earle
Rome

The Agnellie family's Fiat group faces possible legal action for allegedly violating Italy's anti-monopoly press law which prohibits ownership of newspapers with more than 20 per cent of national circulation.

For years Fiat has owned *La Stampa* of Turin, the second widest read newspaper after *Corriere della Serra* of Milan. Signor Mario Sinopoli, a university professor who is an independent watchdog of the anti-monopoly law, has told a parliamentary commission that in recent weeks Fiat has built up a position of effective control over the Rizzoli publishing house, which owns the *Corriere*. He has therefore submitted the matter to the Milan court for investigation.

Rizzoli, which used to be under the influence of the P2 secret masonic lodge, was rescued by Gemina, a holding company in which Fiat is the dominant shareholder with 32 per cent of the equity. Gemina used to have a minority holding in Rizzole but, Professor Sinopoli said, it increased it last December to 52 per cent. Hence his allegation that Fiat, in fact, controls the *Corriere*.

He backed his argument by pointing to certain management changes. Signor Cesare Romiti, the managing-director of Fiat, has also become chairman of Gemina.

Italy asks the world to help catch Abu Nidal

The public prosecutor here issued an international arrest warrant yesterday for Abu Nidal, leader of Palestine Liberation Organization splinter group, on a charge of causing a massacre in the Rome airport attack of December 27 in which 14 people died (John Earle writes).

The warrant was signed by Signor Domenico Sica, the investigating magistrate, who has interrogated the sole survivor of the four Palestinian gunmen.

Palestinian guerrilla acts and Libya's suspected support for them were discussed at a meeting of the inner Cabinet. Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, reported on talks he had in Palermo on Tuesday with the Maltese Prime Minister, Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, who had recently seen the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, in Tripoli.

Mifsud Bonnici is said to have put foward a three-point Maltese proposal for reducing tension in the Mediterranean. States would pledge not to give any support or cover to terrorist groups; would not use military force against other states in the region; and would not allow existing military bases to be used against other states in the region.

All-out war threat in Uganda

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

The sound of gunfire again echoed in Kampala yesterday as fighting continued between units of the Uganda Army and guerrillas of the National Resistance Army (NRA).

The two sides signed a peace agreement here more than a month ago, but no effective moves have been made to implement it, and the Ugandan Foreign Minister, Mr Olara Otunnu, told a press conference here yesterday that the NRA leaders were talking of all-out war.

Mr Otunnu said fighting had been going on south and south-west of Kampala since January 17, and was still continuing. There had been casualties on both sides.

The Army in Kampala has been trying to control hundreds of troops who rampaged through the city looting and stealing cars, apparently out of control, after being withdrawn from defensive positions a few miles away.

The surge of troops caused panic, and Kampala was virtually deserted on Wednesday. Later, military police toured the city rounding up troops

The Ugandan head of state, General Tito Okello, also toured Kampala, and addressed a rally yesterday, telling people to remain calm.

The British high commissioner, Mr Colin McLean, said no Britons had been hurt in the fighting. But there were some Ugandan civilian casualties.

The NRA says its attacks are intended to bring under control the Government troops who have been killing and harassing civilians. But Mr Otunnu said this was no reason for failing to implement the peace agreement.

Hong Kong rounds on Renton

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, with responsibility for Hong Kong, arrived here yesterday to face the threat of a motion of censure against the British Government over nationality questions.

He has also been criticized for his recent statement in Peking that Britain and China must seek a form of "convergence" over the institution of new political means of governing the territory.

Unofficial members of the legislative council said they would "denounce" Britain's refusal to grant special nationality papers to about 10,000 members of ethnic minorities and former prisoners-of-war who fear their descendants may become stateless after sovereignty reverts to China in 1997.

It is widely felt here that Mr Renton's comments in Peking left the British-dominated Hong Kong Government in the position of a lame duck.

It is not yet known whether the elections to a regional council in Hong Kong will be cancelled because of Peking's strong opposition to further democratization of the legislature.

China wants Britain to stop allowing Hong Kong to draw up its own internal organs of self-government for its future status as a "special administrative region" of the People's Republic, with its own economic and legal systems.

Peking is in the process of drafting a "basic law" or mini-constitution, whose provisions could clash with the new, quasi-democratic structure being pushed by the local government, until now with Britain's support.

Prices strike hits Bolivia

La Paz (Reuter) – Bolivian workers staged a general strike yesterday against the Government's economic policies only hours after President Paz Estenssoro had sworn in a new Cabinet committed to controlling inflation.

The 24-hour strike closed factories and mines and disrupted rail services, but shops in La Paz remained open and public transport in the city was largely unaffected.

The protest came after a sharp rise in prices over the past two months, ending a period of relative price stability after tough austerity measures introduced last August.

President Paz reshuffled his Cabinet to breathe new life into his anti-inflation drive, appointing the Senate President, Señor Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada to the post of Planning Minister, head of the Government's economic team.

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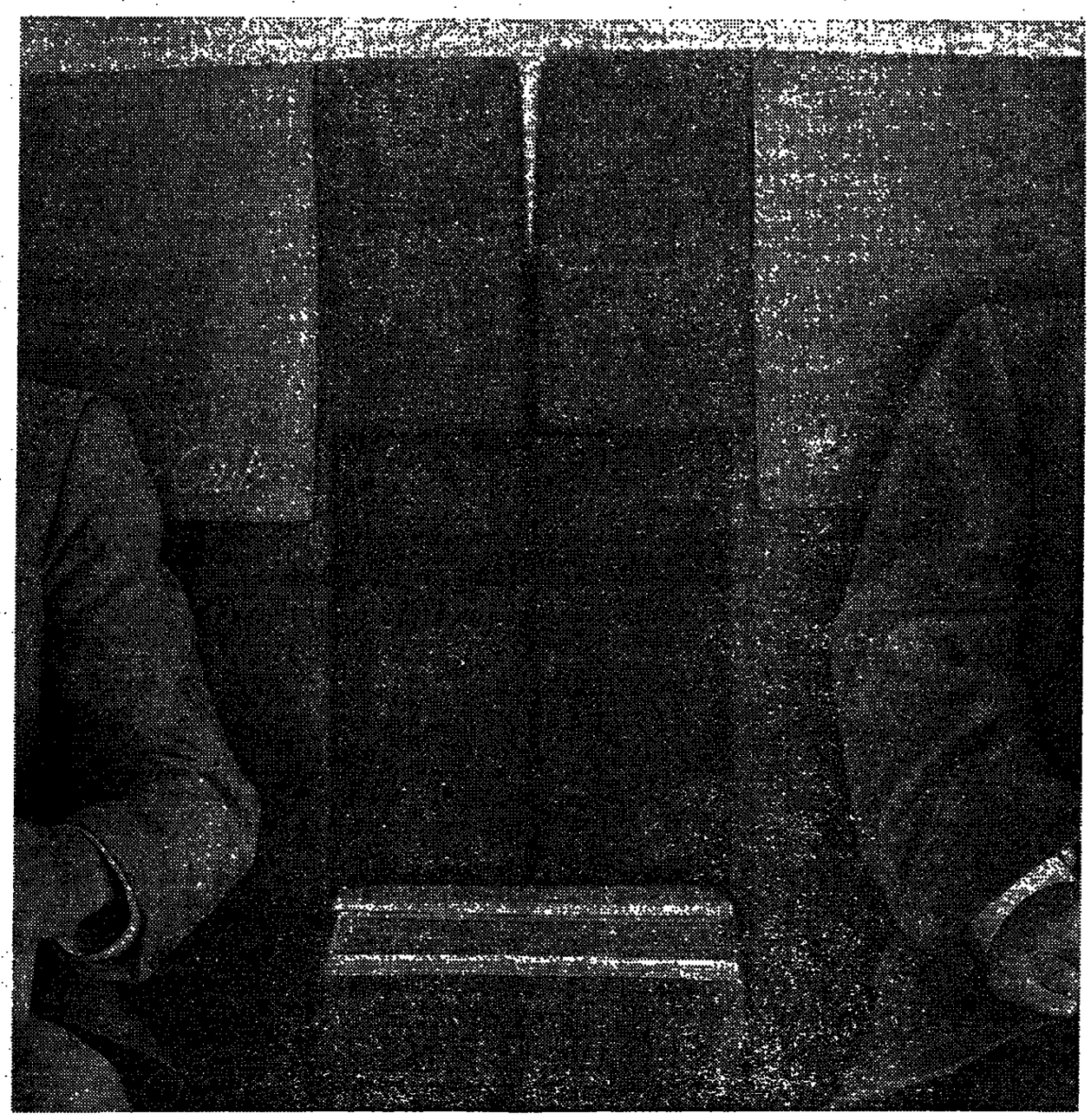

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Congress prepares to do battle with Reagan over budget and defence

From Michael Binyon, Washington

A stormy election year starts in earnest this week with the return of Congress and the beginning of arguments over the budget, defence and foreign policy which will grow more heated as the mid-term congressional elections loom.

The intractable budget will be the focus for the sharpest conflicts between parties and between Congress and the White House. President Reagan's determination to increase the defence budget by 3 per cent in real terms will come under mounting pressure, as Congress grapples with the need to slash federal spending before the automatic cuts mandated by the Gramm-Rudman legislation come into effect.

Congress, however, will insist that the Pentagon accept its share of the massive reductions in domestic spending needed to balance the budget by 1991. Battle lines have been drawn, with Mr Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee, predicting that defence spending will decline by 20 per cent in 1987 and the President refusing to accept any reductions in funds for his controversial Strategic Defence Initiative.

Mr Reagan will also insit that a reluctant Senate take up as a priority his cherished tax reform bill. To press the point, he met Republican leaders on Tuesday for the first time since Congress adjourned on December 20 amid a flurry of compromises which enabled the tax legislation to pass the House of Representatives.

Yesterday the President began a series of small breakfast meetings with Republican senators. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, took part to bolster the White House attempt to protect defence from budget cuts. To achieve the $60 million cut this year in overall spending, Congress wants to cut £20 million each from defence and domestic spending and raise taxes by £20 million, but Mr Reagan strongly opposes the plan.

Senate hearings on the Bill will begin next Wednesday and Senator Robert Dole, the Republican majority leader, predicted a long, hot summer unless there was bipartisan support for the measure.

Relations between the White House and congressional Republicans are poor and not likely to improve. About 22 Republican senators are up for election in November and many will try to distance themselves from Mr Reagan's increasingly unpopular policies on domestic cuts, agriculture and the defence build-up.

As the devastating impact of cuts in those domestic programmes not protected becomes clearer, calls are increasingly going to be heard within the Republican Party for a tax rise to make up the revenue shortfall.

Foreign policy also promises sharp controversy. Mr Reagan will try again to persuade Congress to vote military aid, possibly as much as $100 million (£70 million), to the Nicaraguan Contras, but faces strong opposition. Congress seems equally opposed to the proposed arms sale to Saudi Arabia and Jordan, which the Administration sees as vital to retain King Husain's support for its Middle East peace initiative.

There will be lively debates on whether and how the US should aid Unita guerrillas in Angola, on what further sanctions might be invoked against South Africa and on the gathering economic and political crisis in the Philippines. With the budget axe falling heavily on foreign aid, there will also be controversy on the reduction of US peacekeeping forces and contributions to international agencies.

The White House is likely to find more support for its policies to fight terrorism and in the search for an arms agreement at Geneva. The administration, however, will probably urge Congress to repeal a ban on anti-satellite weapons testing.

Scepticism about the President's SDI may harden into concerted opposition.

Haryana farmers protesting against the loss of the state capital, Chandigarh, to neighbouring Punjab.

Three die as Chandigarh protests hit Haryana

Delhi – Police had to open fire in at least three places yesterday to disperse mobs as they built barricades and disrupted traffic in the Hindi-speaking state of Haryana in protest against Delhi's decision to transfer the city of Chandigarh to Punjab (Our Correspondent writes).

The city, joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, will be handed over to Punjab on Sunday.

The agitation in Haryana is being led by all the opposition parties.

Latest reports indicate that three people were killed and at least 14 injured in yesterday's violence in Haryana. A police van and six railway carriages were set on fire during the agitation.

Explosion in airline office at Peshawar

Peshawar (Reuter) – A powerful bomb at a Pakistan International Airlines office here killed at least three people, including a senior government official, and wounded 29 others, police said.

The attack was the latest in a bombing campaign which has hit Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan in the past few weeks.

Deadlock over Albanian family

Rome – Negotiations have run into deadlock over the future of six Albanian brothers and sisters who eluded security guards and entered the Italian Embassy in Tirana on December 12 to seek political asylum (John Earle writes).

The father of the four men and two women, aged between 44 and 60, was a chemist from Durazzo who collaborated with the Nazis and Fascists during the Second World War. The six said they will commit suicide if handed back.

Journalist fined

Kuala Lumpur (AFP) – A Malaysian journalist on the New Straits Times, Sabry Shariff, was sentenced to pay a 7,000 Malaysian dollar (£2,070) fine or spend one year in jail for violating the Official Secrets Act. He had received a secret military document on the purchase of airborne warning planes.

Drugs swoop

Verona (Reuter) – Sixty-six people have been arrested and charged with selling large amounts of cocaine and heroin in Italy's northern Veneto region. The round-up came after the discovery of a ring smuggling drugs from Colombia via London and Paris.

Quito raid

Quito (AFP) – A previously unknown left-wing guerilla group took over briefly the Ecuador independence monument in a night raid near here, disarmed four guards and made off with nineteenth century weapons from a museum.

Modena blast

Modena (Reuter) – Seven people were killed when an explosion ripped through a three-storey apartment building on the outskirts of this north-Italian city of Modena. First reports blamed the blast on a liquid gas container.

Ship disaster

Zamboanga, Philippines (Reuter) – Fifty people were reported missing after a cargo ship carrying 69 passengers and crew sank in heavy seas off Sibutu island in the Southern Philippines. The survivors were picked up by two fishing boats.

Border incident

Linz, Austria (Reuter) – An Austrian farmer was detained by Czechoslovak border guards while feeding deer near the frontier, taken to Czechoslovak territory and held for nearly seven hours before being released.

Rained off

Nuremburg (AP) – Rain and mud have forced Nato to end the Alliance's hinter manoeuvres today, a week ahead of schedule, the US Army said it did not want to damage the countryside.

Bangladeshi puts faith in blood test

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Bangladesh has rejected a British proposal for blood tests known as DNA finger-printing, to be used on dependants of immigrants in Britain of Bangladesh origin who apply for entry certificates.

But the father of a 10-year-old girl in Bangladesh said yesterday that he thought the test would help to get her into Britain to join him, his wife and three sons.

Mr Faruq Choudhury, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, said on Tuesday that the test, which is based on the matching of genetic numbers between parents and their children, is "unreliable and humiliating." He said the test was an invasion of privacy.

But Mr Abdul Salam, of Forest Gate, London, said yesterday that he did not think such a test on his daughter would be an invasion of privacy. "I don't want to waste any more time; that is why I would like the blood test."

His daughter, Shefa Begum, was refused entry to Britain in Dhaka in November 1984. The appeal hearing has been fixed for February 19.

Mr Salam, who has been in Britain since 1966, said that some people might, however, be angry about the test because they would feel their word was being doubted.

The British High Commission in Dhaka had planned to introduce the test on a voluntary basis from April. The Foreign Office said yesterday that it would be talking to the Bangladeshi Government in an attempt to persuade it that the whole idea was to speed up entry clearance. Immigrant groups in Britain had wanted the Foreign Office to look at the idea.

British immigration officials said that the test would speed up the processing of about 12,000 pending applications because authenticity could be quickly verified.

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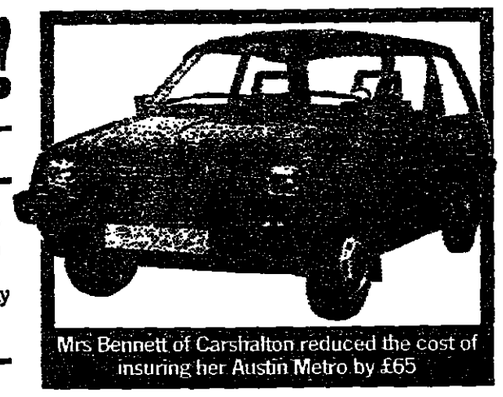

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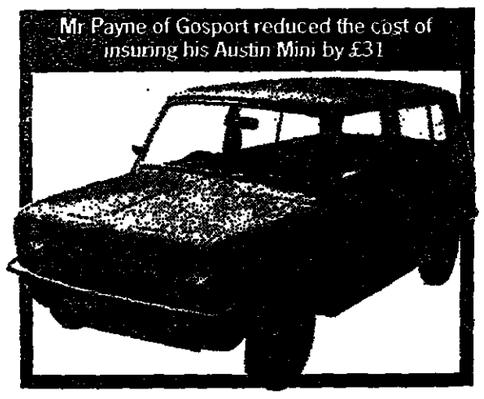

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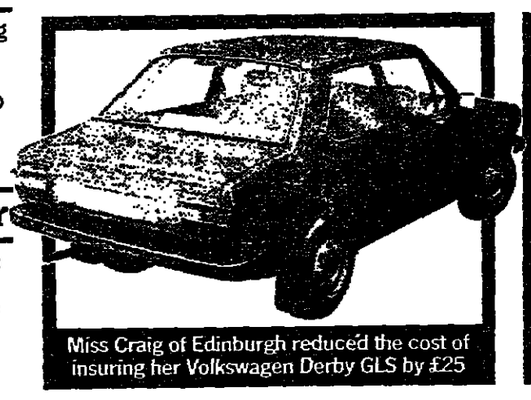

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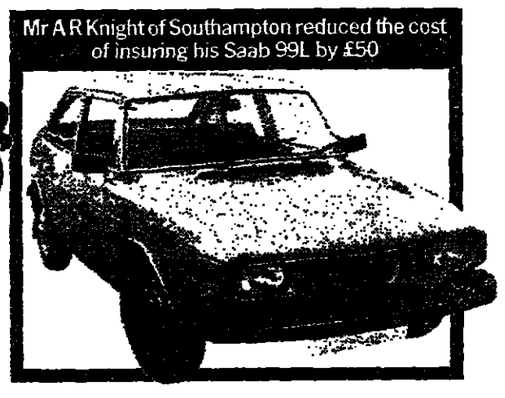

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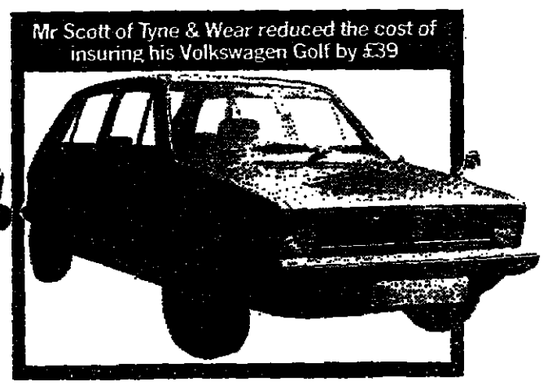

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Germans intrigued by jet-set banker's trial

From Frank Johnson
Bonn

The career of Ferdinand Graf von Galen – who may be unknown to the rest of the world, but whom the West German newspaper and magazine public know to be their country's only colourful banker – reached a climax yesterday.

He went on trial in Frankfurt accused of a hugely complicated fraud. How he came by his money has aroused hardly any interest. What he did with it is what has made him a celebrity in a nation with few celebrities and whose gossip columns are dependent on foreign imports from Britain, France and the United States.

Bankers in the Federal Republic enjoy the same prestige as field marshals, historians and composers in previous Germanies. The Deutsche Bank is popularly assumed to run the country. But, in their horned-rimmed spectacles and dark suits, they are men of relentless discretion.

Graf von Galen, aged 50, set out to attract the attention paid to rich men the world over. This he achieved by the usual means: marrying a "glamorous heiress", having Dr Henry Kessinger to dinner and charging about in a private jet.

"Let's saddle up the bird", he apparently used to say when he felt like having a ride in the jet. In all this, Graf von Galen was helped by being 6ft 6in and always described as elegant.

Graf von Galen: colourful and elegant aristocrat.

He was quoted as saying that the problem with the German economy was that is was not jolly enough. His efforts to remedy that ended in December 1984 when police stopped him in the street in Frankfurt and handcuffed him.

Graf von Galen was head of Schroeder, Muenchmeyer, Hengst and Company. Such a bank sounds imposing enough. In 1982, the Graf was head of Frankfurt stock exchange. But his bank kept on lending money to a dubious building company which later collapsed.

This allegedly broke the German law against lending too much to a single client. Under the law, a defendant is not required to plead. But Graf von Galen will be denying the charges.

THE ARTS

Television

Society's shadow

One of the striking facts about the last century is the apparent unconcern with which our immediate ancestors ignored – almost literally stepped over – the poor and the starving who cluttered the streets of London. That was perhaps why Red Herrings (BBC2) began with some suitably bleak pictures from *Bleak House* before concentrating upon more contemporary scenes – scenes which contained a poverty and a squalor which we ignore just as easily as the mid-Victorians.

The documentary was subtitled *Another Country*, and in a sense that is quite appropriate: it was concerned with the homeless young, some of them not much older than Dickens's outcasts and most of them living in conditions which match those of Dickens's hovels. It is almost as if the poor labour under a curse, an urban horror which continues from generation to generation. Certain things have changed, however: the new outcasts are more articulate and perhaps more aggrieved, since the combination of economic decline and failed "welfarism" has created a discontented client class.

The fact that the problems of poverty admit of no easy solution generally means that they are considered to be somehow "permanent", which in turn means that they can be forgotten or ignored. The point of programmes such as *Red Herrings* is that it makes it necessary to look at the despair which is being bred on the streets; we can only understand our society by looking at the shadow which it casts.

Forty Minutes (BBC2) also began with a Victorian scene, as something frightful happened to a white bride, but *Stop the Wedding!* soon reverted to the contemporary world with accounts of broken or discarded weddings. They were presented as novelettish tales, and would no doubt have appealed to those who like their gossip spiced with suspense. None of the women involved seemed to mind talking about what must have been, at the time, horrible or at least embarrassing situations; so perhaps the television viewer, in turn, should not mind being entertained by them.

Peter Ackroyd

Cinema

Demerits heavily and happily outweighed

Dreamchild (PG)
Curzon

Rocky IV (PG)
Leicester Square Theatre

Teen Wolf (PG)
Plaza, Cannon Oxford Street

Death in a French Garden (18)
Chelsea Cinema

Passion, peril, innocence: Ian Holm and Amelia Shankley in *Dreamchild*

Dreamchild revives belief in the mirage-like British film renascence. Here is a film that does not attempt to compete with America in scale or subject, but puts its trust in originality, imagination, skill and inventive exploitation of its limited financial resources. Dennis Potter's screenplay is a series of inventions around a true incident: in 1932 Mrs Alice Hargreaves, an 80-year-old English widow, visited America to receive an honorary degree in commemoration of Lewis Carroll's centenary and in homage to her own curious contribution to English literature. Seventy years before, as 10-year-old Alice Liddell, she had been the *inspiration for Carroll's Alice*.

Mrs Hargreaves (Coral Browne) is a dragon of an uniquely English breed, bullying her put-upon young companion (Nicola Cowper), charitably rescued from an orphanage, and giving the uppity Yankees a few sharp lessons in good manners. Another sure mark of English gentility, nicely observed by Potter's script, is her confidence that it is ill-bred to scorn hard cash: Mrs Hargreaves (just as her real-life original appears to have done) enters with a will into the commercial exploitation of her celebrity. In this she is assisted by a charming, mercenary young reporter (Peter Gallagher); and this character, and his romantic involvement with the companion, though the structural utility is evident, is the least convincing and satisfying part of the scenario.

Any demerits are heavily and happily outweighed. The centre of the film is the portrait of the real, vulnerable old lady hidden behind the defences of veil, stiff back and sharp tongue. Conscious that death is not far away (the real Mrs Hargreaves died a few months after the visit), she is obliged to take stock, to look back over a lifetime, past a war and its bereavements, to events she had tried to expunge from her memory. Gavin Millar's film moves smoothly from New York in the Thirties to the Oxford summers of the 1860s; and the ghosts of the Revd Dodgson, the March Hare, the Mad Hatter and the Dormouse invade Alice's suite in the Waldorf-Astoria as easily as they did the imagination of the Dean's little daughter.

Mrs Hargreaves is not unaware of sexual realities ("Are you a homosexual?" she forthrightly askes the young reporter suspiciously) and it is with awareness as well as a mixture of anxiety and regret that she recalls Dodgson's attachment to her. The scenes between Dodgson and the child Alice are acutely played by Ian Holm and Amelia Shankley to intimate all the passion, the peril and the touching innocence of the relationship.

Coral Browne's realization of Mrs Hargreaves is a formidable tragi-comic performace, touching moments of real nightmare in the aged Alice's confrontation with a mouldy and malevolent Hatter's tea party, and rising to a triumphant resolution of self-knowledge in her final acceptance speech.

This extraordinarily satisfying film was made with resources that did not permit location filming in the United States. Liverpool stood in for the New York docks, and the city was re-created in various other regional locations. Yet even the handicaps are turned to advantage: somehow this slightly patched and makeshift New York seems to approximate to the image of a stern old lady of half a century ago far better than anything contemporary America could provide.

How different from the home life of Sylvester Stallone. He has created not one but two of the most potent folk-heroes of the age, Rocky and Rambo. No doubt if he wished he could be the next President of the United States. Indeed, given Rambo's worldwide following, why stop at that? Such thinking seems to be behind Stallone's reflections on international relations in Rocky IV.

Essentially the plot of Stallone's own screenplay is the same as in Rocky I, II, and III, viz., there is this big, nasty guy, but Rocky whops him just the same. Here there is the added sophistication of politics and patriotism. The opponent is Russian; and the honour of America itself is at stake. As in *Rambo First Blood Part II*, Stallone loyally confirms the general mass of ignorant fear and prejudice: the Soviet fighter has the advantage of the most costly and advanced technological training, as well as steroids and plain cheating. Honest Americans are up against Machiavellian Commie politicking.

Teen Wolf is a sad case of someone having a bright idea but not the least idea what to do with it. Michael J. Fox – the volatile young hero of *Back to the Future* – plays a shy college boy who develops an hereditary characteristic of turning into a werewolf from time to time. Contrary to his initial fears, this makes him the star of the basketball team and the idol of the girls who had previously ignored him. The story's potential is sacrificed to a witless script and direction, by Rod Daniel, to suit.

Under its original title, *Peril en le demeure*, **Death in a French Garden**, the twenty-second film of the prolific Michel Deville, has proved a major French box-office hit, though – like many successes with the French audience – it is hard to say why. It is technically crisp and efficient, with the kind of flashy scene transitions that pass for style, and has some effective erotic passages. As a thriller however it is an extraordinary collection of borrowings from Chandler, Chabrol, Hitchcock *et al.*, all pieced together into a labyrinthine and frustratingly *non seq.* tale of intrigue and deception. The players include Christopher Malavoy, Nicole Garcia, Michel Piccoli and the somewhat eerie Anemone.

David Robinson

Dance

Mystery surrounding North's departure

The 10 dancers of Ballet Rambert who are showing pieces in the company's choreographic workshop at Riverside Studios this week could hardly be expected to produce anything as dramatic as the abrupt and entirely unforeseen departure of their artistic director, Robert North. Disagreement on artistic policy is the bland reason given; disagreement with whom is not yet revealed.

One immediate effect of North's going is that the Manchester première of his new ballet *Fabrications*, with designs by the Emanuels, announced for February 7, has had to be cancelled. North himself has gone abroad and is not available for comment.

North's choreographic influence could perhaps be detected in some of the apprentice pieces given at Riverside on Wednesday. Curiously, the influence of Rambert's resident choreographer (and now acting director) Richard Alston was not apparent, except in his lighter mood (*Java* style) which perhaps lay behind Mark Baldwin's cheerful *Pussy-Footing* for three kittenish girls and himself as the cat *that got the cream*.

Only Frances Carty among the would-be choreographers had taken as her model Rambert's third associate choreographer, Christopher Bruce. His interest in folk music and dance, equally with his deep social concern, were reflected in Carty's *Songs of the Ghetto*, set to three Yiddish songs passionately performed on stage by Hilary Western. It would have been helpful to know what they were about, so as to follow better the fierce emotions expressed by Paul Melis, Bruce Michelson and especially Diane Walker, but the short work, visually inspired by Käthe Kollwitz's paintings, gripped the interest.

That was much the most impressive work on show. Among the others, Lucy Bethune, in a jazzy dance for four men, and Caitrine Price, in a group dance that left its members vulnerably isolated, both found some interesting movement but did not sustain it. The women on the whole had the punchiest approach, ranging from an amusing, completely obscene fantasy on dental anaesthesia by Siobhan Stanley to a rough-up for two men by Amanda Britton. Most of the men's contributions by contrast were limply wet.

Chief heroes of the evening were the company's musical director, Nicholas Carr, and pianist, Christopher Swithinbank, who between them composed, transcribed or arranged the scores for six of the works, using sources as diverse as Dave Brubeck, Shostakovich and Philip Glass, all capably played by those two musicians and a small ensemble.

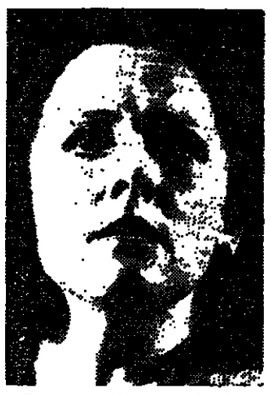
John Percival

Opera

Il trovatore

Royal, Glasgow

Scottish Opera's new *Trovatore* is credited to Graham Vick as producer, but the movement and the groupings are conditioned very much by the engine-shed setting that Michael Yeargan designed for Andrei Serban's 1983 Opera North production. Nor is there, in this of all operas, much room for two opinions about motivation. We are, therefore, back in Serban's Spanish Civil War staging, which provokes the question of why Verdi in Glasgow should survive translation into the twentieth century much better than does Rossini in London.



Constant pleasure: Janice Cairns as Leonora

Partly it is an effect of the Scottish lighting, by John Waterhouse, which effectively creates a gloom that prevents the updating from imposing itself too blatantly, at least until the final act. Partly it is the simple fact that *Il trovatore* is so much more familiar than *Moses*; it creates its own place independent of the scenic apparatus, and thereby allows dislocation and irony more willingly.

But perhaps the most significant difference is the change in musical style, whereby 1853 seems very much closer to us than does 1827. The machinery of modern war is plausibly evoked by Verdi's rhythms and his rude scoring: one half expects the Anvil Chorus, done very percussively here, to be answered by the clatter of a locomotive coming across the stage's stretch of railway track.

By no means, though, is all noisiness in the musical part of this revival. Graeme Jenkins proves himself a Verdi conductor of the first rank, capable of communicating a sense of importance and detailed care to both chorus and orchestra, and of showing the score always at its finest, whether that is a matter of superb melodic phrasing, of exquisite chordings (in the introduction to the closing scene, for instance) or of an exact control of gesture. There is scarcely a crude moment. Where the piccolo might normally shriek, it is brought into the texture as a fifing on the breeze. High hopes are raised for Mr Jenkins's Verdi work at Glyndebourne.

The cast may not be quite on the same level of excellence, but there are worthy and well-considered performances throughout. Janice Cairns as Leonora gets an admirable quantity of the English text across, even when this causes problems of phrasing; her candid tone, too, is a constant pleasure, as is her flexibility in ornament. Patricia Payne is a plangent mother-figure as Azucena. Jack Strauch a nicely grim-toned yet lyrical Di Luna and Geoffrey Moses a strong Ferrando, again making much of the words.

Angelo Marenzi as Manrico is not well placed to do the same, and on Wednesday he was affected by an illness that threatened to stifle him in the third act. But, perhaps drawing strength from the committed seriousness of this production, he soldiered on magnificently.

Paul Griffiths

Concerts

Philharmonia/ Lombard

Festival Hall/Radio 3

The music of "Les Grands Maîtres Français" is on the menu of five Royal Philharmonic Society concerts this spring. That, at least, is what they tell us. In fact, the main work in this opening concert was the Symphony in D minor by César Franck, whose claims to greatness and, indeed, Frenchness have been well debated by posterity.

The symphony is worth an occasional airing, if only to confirm the worst fears of those repulsed by rampant chromaticism, lurid instrumental colouring, interminable chains of sequences and earnest but all-too-obvious "cyclic form". For Franck at his best, when he sends half the orchestra chasing the other half in extravagantly prolonged canon, or piles up a weighty climax with ponderous but impressive calculation, still makes any half-sympathetic spine tingle.

But grand old Romantic warhorses need careful grooming. In this performance Alain Lombard seemed content with a rather casual ensemble and the addition of one or two extra garnishes of sentimentality to a score that has enough already. His recumbent attitude to the opening Lento, where nearly every barline signalled an immense rubato and every crotchet rest became a prayerful pause, was a case in point. Matters were not helped here by some indecision in the lower strings about whether the Lento's reprise should be in F major or minor.

The Allegro was better paced and the recapitulation, where Franck gives his main theme a thunderous bass echo, was properly ablaze with passion; but both here and in the finale Lombard should surely have kept a tighter rein on those ubiquitous iambic rhythms. More successful was the middle movement where Jane Marshall brought a full-bodied tone to the cor anglais solo, and the strings were suitably silky in the curling scherzo passages.

It was a busy evening for Miss Marshall because the opening work, Berlioz's overture *Le Carnaval romain*, also displayed her soloistic prowess. Here Lombard was far happier, coaxing the Philharmonia strings to play with wiry brilliance, whittling away the middle textures, and letting the percussion department and Berlioz's pungent, rhythmic verve do the rest.

Ravel's suite *Le Tombeau de Couperin* fluttered along in relaxed and fairly winsome manner too, but it was Poulenc's Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra which claimed most attention among this motley Gallic crew. Given idiomatic, punchy and well synchronized treatment by Jean-Philippe Collard and François-René Duchable the work emerged as an ebullient if slightly quixotic kaleidoscope of disparate inspirations.

Richard Morrison

LMP/Glover

Queen Elizabeth Hall

The BBC, so the programme informed us, was recording this concert for future transmission. I anticipate that only the early birds among us will catch it on the radio, for the sole feature uniting the works which the strings of the London Mozart Players gave us was that all were eminently undemanding, if attractive. Just the sort of material deemed acceptable on the air before breakfast, in fact.

A curious mixture it was, too, though everything was performed confidently and competently. The articulation was neat, the sound good and firm, while the occasional purple passage hinted that perhaps more rehearsal time than usual had been devoted to the music, none of which was as straightforward to play as to listen to, of course.

The most immediately enticing prospects were two neo-classical works, Stravinsky's bare-textured postwar Concerto in D and Albert Roussel's Sinfonietta, Op 52, of 1934. Stylistically they share quite a lot: a considerable debt to the diatonic system, for one thing, and in their outer movements a rhythmic impetus set in motion by the conflict of regular pulse with irregular stress, for another. But the Roussel seemed to me the stronger piece here.

Where Stravinsky concerns himself, perhaps too much, with artifices like the blatant perfect cadences in the central Arioso and, indeed, the wilful remoteness of that whole movement, Roussel's writing is disarmingly direct as well as appealingly original.

Jane Glover conducted both pieces with her usual unfussiness, and it was pleasant to hear her warm so readily, too, to Vaughan Williams's Oboe Concerto. Malcolm Messiter was the superb soloist in this expansive (too expansive?), pastoral-flavoured work. He made a rich, smooth sound throughout the register, drawing out his longer phrases with marvellous control. But that ended the evening's unhackneyed music, for Mozart's Divertimento in D, K136, crops up incessantly these days, though here its articulative crispness was admirable. And Tchaikovsky's Serenade, Op 48, is, I admit, a pet hate, for no better reason than I have heard it too often. Still, three out of five is not too bad.

Stephen Pettitt

Theatre

Aptly welcome wit

The Light Rough
Hampstead

If *The Jewel in the Crown* is to be believed, it was the struggle between the grammar school boy and the public schools that rotted British rule in India. Brian Thompson's new play (director: Michael Attenborough) shows the same neurosis at work in a dealer of second-hand books in Clapham. Paul (Alfred Lynch) does not end up bloodily dismembered on an Indian bed. Psychically dismembered he is. His wife walks out on him; the hated rival (public school) massacres him at golf; and his partner, a plasterer (working class), will not play with him any more. The bookselling business sounds in poor shape too.

Should that last remark be thought to trivialize a story of pain and lost directions, it is also the general response of Paul to his lot in life. But, very surprisingly for an author of Thompson's experience, we are not led towards the causes of the troubles. Paul is cheesed off by the sociological blah of his hatchet-faced rival – "I teach literature at Kent" – though he does not go as far as the vexed bus driver next door, who throws a garden gnome through the conservatory roof.

What he does is provoke a crisis on the domestic front, but here his failure is that of his golf: no follow-through. What are we to make of this decline and fall as the one and only story of a play?

What can be done is enjoy the dry wit that pops out at the most unexpected and welcome times, usually as one-liners apt to the character, which is by no means always the case when authors make their characters tell jokes. Surrounding these pleasures, however, there is chin-to-chin confrontation among a group of individuals of only intermittent plausibility.

In his tirades Alfred Lynch makes use of almost Shakespearian timbres, too large in scale for this stage. Heather Canning made increasing good sense of the wife. But it is the family friend, a biscuit-tin collector, who has the best lines, and Oliver Ford Davies makes him into the most credible male character. Splendidly behind the times ("*What's My Line* – now there's a show that's lasted") as well as public school, his delicacy and decency are the manly qualities the author may well, in the circumstances, be holding up for recognition.

Jeremy Kingston

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Sadler's Wells

Roald Dahl's famous and much-loved children's story has been adapted for the stage by Jeremy Raison, which seems a fair idea, and set to music by Christopher Reason, which simply does not work. It would perhaps be unwise to suggest that a musical play could never be fashioned from the raw material available, but the salad of Broadway clichés which Mr Reason dishes up is bewilderingly extraneous to the tone of the piece. What has doo-wop to do with bedtime stories?

That grouse apart, Kim Grant's production appears to capture the imagination, or at least the attention, of its target audience. Since the major interest in Mr Dahl's narrative is the lure of chocolate – variously the embodiment of sensual bliss or a sticky, addictive substance which provokes migraine – this may not be a remarkable fact, although the thing is certainly well plotted and just about the right length for its theme.

A plutocrat confectioner named Willy Wonka resolves in a fit of magnanimity to insert golden tickets into five out of his countless products, the lucky recipients to be invited on a tour of his nirvanic factory. The first four winners could have been invented by Richmal Crompton: a spheroid glutton named Augustus Gloop; Veruca Salt, a spoilt brat in a lampshade dress: a gum-chewing horror called Violet Beauregarde; and Mike Teavee, a cap-gun toting television addict.

These monsters are to meet sticky ends appropriate to their cupidity: Augustus lost in a river of chocolate, Veruca deep-sixed down a rubbish chute by a squirrel she tries to appropriate, Violet turned into a blueberry by a very special stick of gum, Mike reduced to matchbox size by Mr Wonka's teleporting machine. Only the fifth child, the sickeningly good Charlie Bucket, comes unscathed through the tour of the factory, where he and his four grandparents are rewarded with a cushy billet for life.

Hugh Sullivan's Mr Wonka carries the evening with aplomb and no little charm (although his jokes will definitely have to be rethought), and Michelle Archer makes an acutely gruesome fist of the lisping Veruca. The fantastical machinery gives Marty Flood an opportunity to indulge her fancy for strident colours.

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The ins and outs of life in Britain

COMING IN . . . FOR THE FREEDOM AND STABILITY

GOING OUT . . . FOR OPPORTUNITY AND PROSPERITY

What makes thousands of Britons desert these shores each year for a new life abroad while foreigners can't wait to get in? Caroline Moorehead reports

- **Ask any foreigner living in England why he is here and the answer will be the same: friendliness, subdued pace of life, freedom in all its forms and culture.**
- ***The weather may not be that of San Francisco, nor the restaurants as good as in Marseilles, but as a place to buy a house, form a business, study a musical instrument or educate a child, it's hard to beat. In 1984, 106,000 non-British citizens migrated here (the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys defines a "migrant" as someone who intends to stay in the UK a year or more).***
- **While foreigners are coming in, the British, with much the same vigour, enthusiasm and sense of adventure, are going out – to the Commonwealth countries, to Europe and to the Middle East.**
- **In 1984 some 100,000 people in Britain put in a formal application to emigrate to Australia – another 150,000 made inquiries at the Canadian High Commission. Only the smallest fraction of these will actually complete the extraordinarily complicated and demanding set of criteria, points and sponsorship that can yield a visa for the chosen few (12,000 annually into Australia, 4,000 into Canada).**
- **The fact that overall migration numbers are down – 103,000 in 1984, 199,000 in 1974 – reflects quotas and jobs, not the current British desire to be on the move.**

Neither the numbers of foreigners coming into Britain nor the reasons for their doing so have altered in the last decade – but where they come from has. In 1985, fewer were from Australia and the African Commonwealth, and more than ever before from Europe. In 1984, 20,000 people came from North America, 15,000 from the EEC and 6,000 from other parts of Europe. How many foreigners have actually made their homes here is harder to say.

Why are they here? Many are drawn first as students and having studied choose to stay on: some come on short-term business contracts and when their job is done cannot bear to leave. Others come to pursue private dreams, like the solitary yachtsman Shigeo Kitano who set sail from Japan in 1970 to prove himself and is now on a prolonged pause in Britain.

Once the decision to settle is made, justifications abound: after Bogotá, Tokyo or New York the tempo is agreeable, and the pressures light; after Rome the traffic is delightfully unaggressive; after São Paolo the escape from traditionally intense family relationships is exhilarating.

The affluent and more internationally minded say that England is the best base for Europe: they can spend weekends looking at paintings in Paris or Madrid, the Easter holidays on the Grand Canal in Venice and the New Year skiing in Zerman. All speak of freedom: to live as they will, without fear, uncoerced by social or political pressure.

For their children too, they say, there are really nothing but advantages: an excellent education, international friends and an accentless English voice. Parents add that they see their families growing up without the national ties that formed their own generation, and that with air travel having diminished distance, why should children today not be citizens of the world?

Not all who come, of course, find it easy, especially at first when jobs – particularly for women – prove elusive, foreign qualifications untransferable and a reliable plumber almost impossible to find.

Three years ago five expatriate American women opened a telephone information service called Focus, specifically to help those who, as Ginger Irvine, a founder member, puts it, "were discovering that their expectations had been too high and that having given themselves six weeks in which to adapt were now finding six months too little."

Major problems for new arrivals, says Mrs Irvine, remain homesickness, inefficiency of all services and the children who fail to settle.

That elusive concept of "home", surprisingly, is rarely raised by expatriates. Migrants from Europe and North America do not appear to waste their time tormenting themselves about their roots. On the contrary, the rootlessness is precisely what appeals.

For some home was a moveable feast from childhood and England will now do as well as anywhere else: for Shigeo Kitano, it remains a philosophical concept, belonging more properly to past or future, while others say that "home" is carried with them, like a snail, with their other belongings.

Who, today, migrates from Britain? Apart from the spouses and elderly parents who now make up 80 per cent of immigrants into Australia they are, says Norman Hoffman of the Australian High Commission, either those with enough capital to set up a business, or they belong to certain specified occupations.

Nurses, at the moment, are much in demand: 11,000 are in the process of seeking entry to Australia. Migrants today are seen as people with clear minds and strong drives and liable to return if not satisfied.

"It's so easy today to wander around the world", points out Mr Hoffman. "Governments have to recognize that it's no longer right to expect individuals to make a commitment for life." With jet travel and package tours, gone is the spectre of the migrant ship, severing families for ever.

This adventurousness is mirrored in those looking to North Africa and the Middle East for a more prosperous working future. It has been estimated that of all Western countries, Britain has by far the largest contingent of workers in the Middle East. According to a bulletin published by the Committee for Middle East Trade last September, there are now some 100,000 British subjects living in the area, arriving there at the rate of about 20,000 a year (though, of course, many are also leaving, as their contracts expire).

On the subject of would-be migrants in general, immigration officers tend to be enthusiastic. "We really see the sort of people on their way up anyway. The unemployed don't migrate", says Mr Hoffman. "It's people who are ambitious and thriving and who know they're going to have to work very hard and take risks if they're going to succeed."

His words are borne out, sometimes rather depressingly, by the figures. Foremost among the professions now heading overseas are designers, possibly educated better in Britain than anywhere in the world, but who find that to prosper and have a chance to use their skills there is no alternative to emigration.

Wives, in particular, are known to face confusion when they migrate solely as appendages to their husbands. Brigitte Vandenabeele, of the Centre for International Briefing, mentally divides them into those happy to sit around a pool (and these, she says, survive) and those who resent having no work, hate playing bridge in the afternoon and are terrified of servants. "We try to give them the information and incentives to fight culture shock", she says.

Even so, expatriate life can be tough. Dr Peter Dally, of the department of psychological medicine at the Westminster Hospital, has made a study of the high number of expatriates who come home with problems. Of the 50 he interviewed, he found that marital troubles had caused 88 per cent of the breakdown in wives – boredom, alienation, loneliness and then much argument – and that family tensions often lead to anorexia in adolescent girls.

Talk to would-be migrants, however, and the feeling is all of good times ahead, greater prosperity and, above all, the realization that at last something new is about to happen.

Pedro de Alcantaro: In touch

Pedro de Alcantaro (Brazilian: newly married) is the son of two doctors and left São Paolo for the United States at the age of 19 to study music. He arrived in England at the beginning of the 1980s to follow the Alexander Technique (a method of studying and viewing human behaviour) and to play the cello.

"At first I didn't like London. I thought it wasn't very beautiful or very friendly. But there are so many masters in London – of singing and music and psychology – that you feel you're closely in touch with centuries of knowledge.

"I'm not sure I know what home means; and in my mind I wonder whether settling and growing up aren't incompatible areas of conflict."

Piero di Monzi: In business

PIERO di Monzi (Italian: bachelor), opened his first shop in the Fulham Road in 1968 having observed that in London "there was nobody selling good, decent-looking clothes to men".

He spoke five languages, having trained as an interpreter, and had worked as a language teacher, a waiter and a receptionist. The boutique, introducing new foreign designers into this country, was an instant triumph, and today sells to the Princess of Wales and clients faithful from mother to daughter and father to son.

Eight months a year are spent in Chelsea; the other four in a family house at Spoleto in Umbria. "As a child in Rome, in the fifties, I admired clothes: by the age of eight I could tell who was well dressed and who wasn't. Why do I live here? You're going to laugh. It's the weather. I love the cold, the green. I feel more energetic.

"This is such a civilized country: there's no hooting of cars all day long. England made me welcome. I owe it a lot. It's made me famous. And for me it's getting better and better and better."

Round the world yachtsman Shigeo Kitano: 'I feel free here'

Shigeo Kitano (Japanese: bachelor) had reached Australia on a round the world trip in a specially built yacht in 1970 when his crew mutinied.

An employee of Nippon Steel with a BSc in Industrial Management from the University of Southern California, he sought legal redress in a suit against the Australian government in London and has stayed in Britain ever since. He now works as a television and public relations consultant for Dentsu Incorporated while building a new ferroconcrete 53ft yacht which, he hopes, will one day permit him to accomplish solo the second half of his world voyage.

"I see a quiet revolution taking place here as the country reaches the end of the road of the existing social system.

"I still feel Japanese, very much so, but while in Japan I would have no freedom, either socially or politically, here I feel free."

The Tuckey family: 'If we don't make a better living in Canada, then something's wrong'

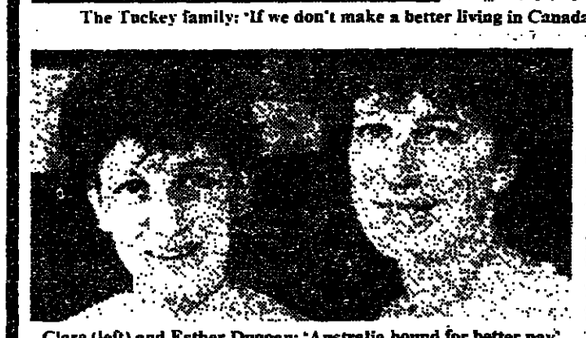
Cindy and Ed Tuckey and their three children have been part of wandering army life ever since Ed joined as a Warrant Officer in the 1960s.

Last year, at the age of 48, Ed was forced to retire. In the following months, he applied for 35 jobs. The Tuckeys have now been accepted as immigrants into Canada where they have bought a post office-cum-petrol station-cum-general store in a small village near Edmonton.

"Ed's really over the hill here", says Cindy. He is fit, young, but there's nothing for him. If we don't make a better living than here, then something's wrong.

"Here when the kids go out, I'm always thinking: how long will they be? Where have they gone? Canada offers a better way of life for the young.

"We plan to stay for ever. I don't like England any more. Unless you're young and qualified, you've had it. I'm very English when it comes to the Queen, but it's getting to the point when I'm ashamed to say I'm British."



Clare (left) and Esther Duggan: 'Australia bound for better pay'

Francesca Roberts: Off to Paris

Esther Duggan is 25, the daughter of a former executive with a sugar company and one of a family of seven children. She has a twin sister Clare, who like herself qualified as a state registered nurse. Both girls have decided to emigrate to Western Australia, to join an elder sister already nursing in a private hospital and who is holding places for them.

Working nights, leaving the flat she shares in Croydon at 7 in the evening and seldom returning home before 10 next morning, Esther Duggan earns £138 a week. In Australia, she has been told, it will be at least half as much again.

"It's a challenge: a new life", she says. "Australia is a totally unknown quantity. I like it that way. In any case, I can't see any future here at all. It's a struggle. I can't even think of buying a flat or a car. I work harder and harder just to stay in the same place".

Francesca Roberts was working as a floor manager in current affairs for the BBC when she met and married her architect husband last summer. He has been living in Paris for the last 10 years. Francesca speaks no French. After much deliberation – should they commute or should he move over here? – she decided to throw up her job and join him.

"I feel as if I've jumped off the edge of a cliff when there was a perfectly good path going round the coastline and I haven't landed yet. The hardest part was making the decision and I had to do that entirely on my own. For my age group it's a very unfashionable thing to do – leave a good job for a man.

"What I suppose I like best is the feeling that I have been thrown out onto my sixth sense. It's refreshing, if frightening."

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Dynasty II, or how soap gets in your eyes

The launching of the Colbys, a Dynasty spin-off which starts tonight, was a drama in itself

Dynasty's place at the top of the American television ratings was beginning to falter. Apart from anything else, its share in the annual billion dollar advertising revenue was threatened. So was another $200 million of merchandising. It was a year ago and Esther and Richard Shapiro convened a crisis meeting at their Beverly Hills office. The agenda was headed: "Lust, power, intrigue and other fine things".

What was being planned was not so much a spin-off as a rocket launch. Using Blake Carrington and his Colorado empire as the pad, a kind of "Son of Dynasty" would be fired straight into the upper atmosphere of television folklore.

No one understood the rules better than the Shapiros. Married for 30 years, it had been her ideas and his craftsmanship at the typewriter which had created "Oil" – the concept of super-soap which hit the screen as *Dynasty* in 1981. Along the way, the elegantly dressed and matronly built Esther Shapiro had become the most powerful and independent woman on the American networks.

Esther Shapiro: hit formula

At that Beverly Hills meeting was casting director Mark Schwartz. "What we need", he said, "are plenty of hot and sexy youthful roles". It was not, perhaps, the most innovative notion, but it was a contribution gladly accepted by the Shapiros.

Blake Carrington and his clan would continue to work out all of our fantasies in Colorado while, interwoven into a double bill for soap addicts, a new and equally extravagant family lifestyle would be spawned by the sun and sea of the Pacific coast. Like the splitting of an amoeba, *Dynasty II, the Colbys of California* will take its bow on BBC1 tonight. In subsequent weeks it will be shown on Wednesdays with *Dynasty I* in its usual Friday slot.

It was the beleagured giant ABC, trailing a poor third in the American network audience war, who first approached Esther Shapiro. Was there any chance of *Dynasty* reproducing itself? The idea had, after all, worked in the cinema with Roman numerals pursuing such titles as *Mad Max* and *Rocky*.

ABC got an unenthusiastic yes from the creator-writer duo who had amassed a personal fortune as co-producers and holders of the merchandising rights of *Dynasty* – but with certain iron conditions. It would be done the Shapiro way.

The new soap would use the character of Jeff Colby, already established in *Dynasty*, as the essential link. California would be the new family's lotus-land. Charlton Heston, seduced by the suggestion that the Colbys were really an updated version of *I, Claudius*, would be the star with a $2.1 million contract. That was where the spending would begin.

The Colbys: Jeff (John James), Constance (Barbara Stanwyck), Monica (Tracy Scoggins), and Jason (Charlton Heston)

Each *Colbys* episode costs around $1.35 million although it is filmed mostly in a studio. Designer Nolan Miller has been allowed to spend $100,000 on the first two introductory episodes. But the most important and cunning proviso was that a full six episodes of *Dynasty* would be used to introduce the new characters among the old.

With *Dynasty II* Esther Shapiro has, quite literally, programmed a hit. Her plans to dovetail predecessor into successor have been given full approval by the ABC hierarchy. Cleavage has been cloned with cleavage, bitch with bitch, silver-haired smoothie with silver-haired smoothie. The result will unquestionably be a conflict-packed family with her favoured "power and control, sex, love and greed" formula.

Now it seems the only cloud on the horizon for the Shapiros, Heston and co-star Barbara Stanwyck – she gets $75,000 an episode and a guaranteed short working week – is the suspected emergence in America of a hitherto unimagined ailment, soap fatigue.

The symptoms were recognized by Mr Donald Grant, president of CBS Entertainment and the man who gave *Dallas* to the world eight years ago. "It's my hunch, instinctively, that this particular cycle is over", he said. Two of his reasons for pronouncing the unthinkable were that *Dynasty*, number one last year, had slumped to number 18 in last week's American TV ratings and the *Colbys* were at number 69.

ABC are undismayed. They have just given their new family a 12-month guaranteed run – an unprecedented vote of confidence in the history of the All American Soap Opera. The next few Wednesdays and Fridays will reveal which way the British vote goes.

Douglas Thompson

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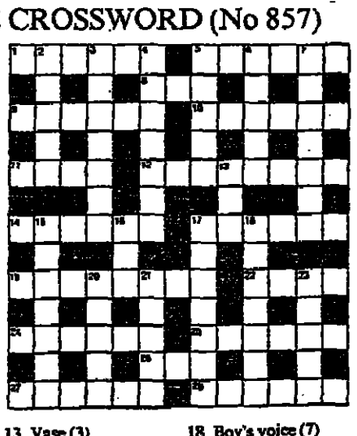

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Impish girl from the big house

In Molly Keane's genteel Irish circle, a girl with a hint of blue in the stocking was thought a freak. So for 50 years she wrote under a pseudonym. She tells Russell Harty about her eccentric upbringing

Molly Keane appears to be surprised. "Nobody, simply, nobody, can possibly be interested in an old bag from the bogs like me." It is a statement propelled partly by modesty and partly by a confidence that this is quite untrue.

Her personal history reads like a synopsis for a novel from Mills and Boon: the house which paid Mrs Keane a handsome £50 for her first manuscript in the 1920s. The plot focused upon a girl, not ferociously attractive, not expert in the hunting field, but who eventually captured the prize gentleman by other cunning methods.

She wrote this first novel secretly, at home, in southern Ireland. In her family circle to have declared herself a writer would have been to invite ridicule. You were glamorous and attractive if you could clear fences in the field, sit well on the hunter and spin half the night away on the dance floor. If there was a hint of blue in the stocking, you were considered a freak.

Her parents were prosperous in that Anglo-Irish way just before the cracks began to appear, just before the hedges in the far fields were left untended. Her mother wrote poetry in her study and arranged menus and flowers. Her father hunted and fished and preferred his other children.

As a child she thought herself rather unloved

Molly was sent away to school. She lasted for a year and then this "rather unloved and unlovely child" (her words) came home to be tutored by governesses. One of them, in a moment of uncharacteristic panic, told Molly where babies came from, and, even more shockingly, how they got there. Molly, who relishes chatter and gossip, was quite unable to keep this cosmic secret to herself. At teatime, she told her mother and her mother sacked the governess.

Mrs Keane's memories are selective, entertaining and dramatic. "We never had any trouble with the Sinn Feiners, unless, of course, you count the day when they came to burn down our house. That was a bit of a to-do", she says.

One day a message arrived to say that the house would be fired that evening. The burning, which she describes as a sort of ritual, was watched by the family and their servants from a far field. Her father, with a shotgun under his arm said, simply, that he preferred to live in Ireland than die in England, so they moved into a smaller house.

She has recorded the drama of less incendiary though equally heated circumstances. There was a dance at another big house – the highlight of the season. One ambitious mother had determined that this would be the night her daughter shone and a dress was commissioned from a Paris couturier.

The awkward girl was trimmed rather like a Christmas tree, taken to a secret bedroom and put into a huge Cellophane box. She was then placed in a prominent position in the great hall. Her mother confidently assumed that as the young men arrived and caught sight of her, they would rip open the wrapping in gallant frenzy, release her baby from her hot cell, and one of them would live with her happily ever after. Nobody noticed. Nobody, that is, except Molly. The wretched girl, a sweating sacrifice to her mother's ambitions, eventually had to tear her way out.

Mrs Keane met her own man in less distressing circumstances. It wasn't love at first uncellophaned sight, but they became good friends. He was handsome and *de bon air*. They married. She then had her own house; she consulted the cooks and instructed the maids; they hunted, played bridge, and then, she became confident enough to declare herself a writer.

She was not, however, confident enough of the reactions of her family and friends and she hid under the pseudonym of *M. J. Farrell*, a name she collected from a sign over an Irish bar while out hunting one day. Ten novels between 1928 and 1952, their beams centred upon the fate and fortunes of her circle, full of betrayals, misfortunes and peccadilloes.

One of them, *Devoted Ladies*, published 50 years ago, dealt sensitively with lesbianism. Mrs Keane once received in her house a lady visitor whose luggage consisted simply of 1,000 *cork-tipped cigarettes and a safety razor*. Her presence was noted and instantly entered into her impish computer.

Two events, one professional, one personal, smashed the happy structure of Molly Keane's life. She had shifted from novels to plays and from the early 1950s was writing pieces of a fashionable nature for the West End stage. Some, like *Dazzling Prospect*, were collaborations with John Perry, directed by John Gielgud. That play opened in 1961 and was ripped into pieces by critics who had tasted the rawer flesh of Mr John Osborne.

And Mrs Keane's husband died, suddenly. He had undergone uncomplicated surgery and then developed a blood clot. She was unaware of the fatal complication when she went to see him at the hospital. A matron who clearly believed in swift surgery took her to a waiting room. It was 40 years ago, but Mrs Keane still remembers the pictures of admirals and generals on the brown walls. "Mrs Keane, take a seat", the matron said. "Your husband is dead."

London, the busy and glamorous world of the theatre, were no longer part of her life. She went back to the big and now empty house near Cork. There were two children to bring up. Unforeseen circumstances like those in any self-respecting novel, now dictated a different way of life.

Suresh Kanodia

Russell Harty and Molly Keane, creator of stylish, sad and funny stories

The servants went, the children married. Mrs Keane, in her late seventies, started to write again. Something that would please her. Something she knew about, nothing to do with fashion, everything to do with that bright circle of her young womanhood.

She had kept her friends. Her letters are hoops of binding steel, and her hospitality and a small house on the southern coast of Ireland guaranteed a regular drift of visitors.

Dame Peggy Ashcroft went to stay there in 1980. She took to her bed with influenza and begged Molly to let her read anything she didn't already know of hers in print. Mrs Keane gave her the manuscript of *Good Behaviour* and by a speedy process it was acquired, published and shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1981.

She was persuaded that she was in there with a chance because everyone told her how good it was. Now, she thinks they were trying to soften the blow when Salman Rushdie's name was announced.

But the best thing of all was that she had, for the first time, used her real name, and the postman at Ardmore, the tiny village where she lives, asked her for an autograph and a kiss.

Money, but not a lot of it, you understand, started to arrive. She celebrated her success by buying two new tyres for the car. The BBC bought the rights to the book and made a series of plays from it, and it was serialized on *Woman's Hour*.

Now she is 81 and the BBC have made another film, of her novel, *Time After Time*. It is the story of three sisters and a brother who share a crumbling country manor, all of mature years, each with some singular deformity, independent in their day-to-day activities, but very much dependent when odd and shaming secrets of their long lives are cunningly revealed.

Her nom de plume was from a sign over an Irish bar

Sir John Gielgud, Trevor Howard and Googie Withers are some of the stylish characters in this sad and funny piece.

At a showing of the film at the London Film Festival at the end of last year, Mrs Keane slipped into the cinema to watch it on a big screen and to listen to questions put to the producer.

After the first 11 seconds of embarrassed silence, a women with a tweedy voice and a feel for the drama asked, "How did you get the dog to react so amorously to the bitch?" and some of the mysteries of film-making were revealed. Another asked if the play was autobiographical and the answer was "yes" and "no", which usually means "yes" but we're pretending it isn't.

The last questioner asked if there was another novel about to arrive. "Not that we know of", replied the gentleman in charge.

I, however, have it on the highest possible authority that Mrs Keane now needs two new tyres, for the front wheels, and she knows exactly how to get them.

Time After Time is on BBC2 on Sunday at 10.10pm.

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Testing time for earlier pregnancy checks

Chorionic villus sampling (CVS) is a new technique for antenatal diagnosis for foetal abnormalities. Last year the Medical Research Council (MRC) announced a trial of its use – to be conducted at centres in the UK and Europe – which should involve more than 4,000 women.

It shows the seriousness with which CVS is being considered as a possible alternative to the now established technique of amniocentesis (sampling of the fluid around the foetus by injection of a hollow needle), with which it will be compared. But behind it also lies an attempt to asses the risks and benefits of CVS clearly before its use becomes widespread.

CVS involves snipping out a tiny portion of the chorionic villi – the finger-like projections of the placenta which form the foetus's interface with the mother's blood supply. The tissue carries the same genetic configuration as the foetus and can therefore be used to diagnose genetic diseases. The most common method is to insult a hollow needle via the cervix.

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The great advantage over amniocentesis is that CVS can be performed earlier in pregnancy – at around 9-11 weeks as opposed to 16 – and the results of the test are available almost immediately. This means that should a pregnancy be affected the mother can be offered a termination at a stage when it is much less traumatic.

Even in the best hands, transcervical CVS carries three to six times the risk of precipitating an unwanted abortion as does amniocentesis (where abortion is a side effect in roughly one in 200 cases). Some of the unwanted abortions occur almost immediately and are the result of physical trauma but some occur days or weeks later and are thought to be due to infection introduced from the genital tract.

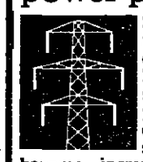
Now, in the latest issue of the *Lancet*, Professor Richard Lilford, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Leeds University, and colleagues from University College Hospital and St Mary's Hospital in London, argue that research and experience has shown that the risks of infection with CVS could be minimized if samples were taken by passing the needle through the abdominal wall into the uterus rather than via the cervix.

Professor Lilford told *The Times* that it was slightly more difficult to get chorionic villi samples transabdominally but the technique was easier to teach and could be used up to week 14 in a pregnancy.

Dr Iain Chalmers, Director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford, and one of the organizers of the MRC trial, says that it would provide some data on the relative safety of transcervical and transabdominal CVS.

He stressed that there was no scientific proof that either abdominal or transcervical CVS was better than amniocentesis or that one route had advantages over the other. The vital thing is that the facts be established before CVS goes into general use, he says.

Living near a power pylon



Since the beginning of the decade, people living in the shadows of pylons or near electricity sub-stations have become increasingly worried that they are more likely to suffer from cancer – particularly from leukaemia – than the rest of the population. Their fear has been fuelled by studies from many parts of the world although some of have been controversial.

The common hypothesis is that cables, which carry massive electrical power, create electromagnetic fields which radiate over the local population and lead to the development of cancers.

But better news comes from a major study to be published in next month's issue of the *British Journal of Cancer*.

More than 7,600 people living near sources of electromagnetic radiation in East Anglia were identified from the 1971 census. It was found that by the end of 1983 more than 800 of the group had died. Close analysis of the figures showed that the overall death rate of the power line people was lower than the rest of the region, mainly because there were far fewer deaths from heart complaints and circulatory diseases than expected.

Overall there was no excessive risk from cancer in the study group. However, there was an unexpected peak in the number of women dying from lung cancer – not one of the cancers normally linked to exposure to electromagnetic radiation. (Unfortunately, figures for smoking patterns in the region were not available.)

There was a marginal increase in the expected number of people dying from cancers of the lymphatic system and leukaemias, but only if they lived very close to sub-stations, and the increase was not statistically significant.

However, the author of the study does point out that the majority of people in the study were living near sub-stations which supply a relatively low current. If environmental electromagnetic radiation from power lines does turn out to be a health hazard the reults of the East Anglian study may be because the group were only exposed to diluted doses.

New guide to heart risks

A doctor in Lancashire has discovered a new clue as to who is most likely to suffer heart attacks. Maurice Stone, Director of the Royal College of General Practitioner's Clinical Research Unit in Leigh, has found that the blood clotting protein known as fibrinogen can help predict who will be most at risk from heart attacks.

In a paper recently published in the Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Dr Stone describes how a high fibrinogen level in a middle-aged man who already has high blood pressure could increase his chances of having a heart attack 12 times.

Blood fibrinogen levels also go up with rheumatoid arthritis, chronic chest complaints, cancer and infections, for example, and these other causes have to be taken into account.

Dr Stone believes, however, that where there is no other obvious explanation, a high fibrinogen level is a sign of trouble in the circulatory system.

The real value of the test, he says, is that it helps to spot those who need medical help the most.

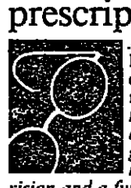
No smoke without fire

A large survey in America has shown that smoking as few as four cigars or four pipe bowls of tobacco a day is the toxic equivalent of 10 cigarettes.

Doctors at Minnesota University's School of Public Health measured the levels of thiocyanate (a chemical marker of the amount of smoke which has been inhaled, they claim) in the blood of over 9,000 men.

Their advice, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* is that even those who have only ever smoked a pipe or cigars should avoid them.

Short-sighted prescriptions



A study in the British Journal of Ophthalmology *suggests that 20 per cent of 10 year-olds given glasses have perfect vision and a further 15 per cent have only slight problems.*

The study was based on a group of children born in 1970. In 1980 parents were interviewed about their children's sight and school doctors asked to examine them. Of a total of 13,756 children 11.7 per cent (1,610) had been given spectacles. Over 560 of these did not need them.

When a child complains of a headache he may be given an eye test and then glasses. The headaches may go away, but that might have nothing to do with the glasses. Your GP's surgery is the best place for a child with a headache, not the local optician's.

Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

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Window on the world

Television is set to become the cinema in your sitting-room. Far from a programme being simply "on the box", everything from wildlife to the weatherman will appear almost life-size on a 50-inch screen hung on the wall. The technology for this 1250-line full colour window on the world exists now – but there are problems, both physical and political, before you can hang up your TV screen.

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Thirst for love loses its fizz

TALKBACK

From Douglas Lowndes, Colville Court, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Following Dr Dagmar O'Connor's advice, (Wednesday Page, January 15), my wife and I took each other to bed yesterday *afternoon, with two sandwiches* (one smoked salmon, one rare roast beef) and a bottle of Laurent Perrier N/V. We decided also to take plates, glasses and paper napkins, though Doctor D seems not to have heard of this variation.

After about seven minutes, the bed became uninhabitable because of the breadcrumbs, and my wife knocked over her glass of champagne while trying to brush the crumbs off. Altogether, it was a thoroughly sordid experience, and we would be much obliged if you could ask Doctor D to reconsider this particular technique, or to advise us where we went wrong.

From Jan Etherington-Petrie, Maple Road, Surbiton, Surrey.

Keen to act immediately on your feature remedy for revitalizing romance in marriage, I playfully improvised on the recipe of wine and sandwiches beneath the duvet and suggested to my spouse that we could launch the morning with Bucks Fizz, bacon butties and a bit of a lie-in.

He claimed that he would miss his train. I asked what relevance that could possibly have compared with nurturing our relationship. He implied that I would jolly well find out when he was out of a job.

He growled that he was all in favour of spontaneity, as long as he knew when to expect it.

We are not speaking.

From a reader, name and address received

Having read the article by Penny Perrick on "Lives Coloured by Depression" (Monday page, January 13) may I put the other side? I get very tired of being told how dreadful it is to suffer from depression, how one must strive to understand and forgive the sufferers for their affliction.

Consider what it is like to have set up a pleasant birthday party for 70 friends at the request of the afflicted – because when the sunny side is up they are the most sociable of mortals – only to find that on the night the fog has descended and life is not worth living again, and certainly not worth the effort of appearing even civil to one's guests.

I am tired of papering over the cracks and pretending to friends and relatives that life is wonderful. *It is the nearest and* dearest who come in for the bulk of the barrage.

As one kind friend said to me: "It's your privilege to see his gloomy side as well". It is a privilege I would give my eye teeth to be able to walk away from, but that won't do.

I have to be there, for to go away would push him further into the mire. It won't do for him to go away either as he then feels rejected.

It is the Jekyll and Hyde syndrome. I never know which is going to walk in through the door, and the unpredictability is most unnerving. It is like living on a knife-edge. You can never relax or take anything for granted and any thought of lapsing into "placid serenity" is completely out of the question. He seems totally unable to understand that he affects everyone in the house.

Perhaps this malady only affects the totally self-centred? Ms Perrick, a sufferer herself, looks at it only from her side of the wall, try living on my side!

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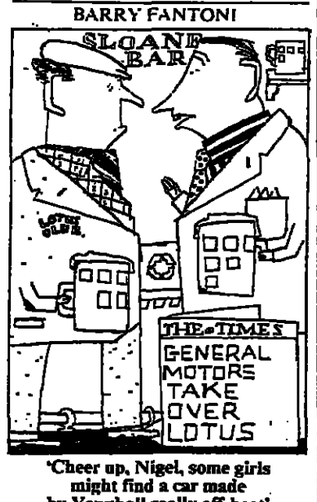
Alfonsin's task force

For the first time since the Falklands conflict, a delegation of senior Argentine politicians is to visit the Commons next month. The four men, two Peronists and two Radicals, will be guests of the South Atlantic Council, set up to promote Anglo-Argentine reconciliation, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. David Steel, David Owen, Denis Healey and, probably, Neil Kinnock will meet them. With Buenos Aires now willing to talk about reconciliation, and with the trip being supported by senior Tory backbencher David Crouch, the Government alone is standing outside the rapprochement process. Now Baroness Young, for the Foreign Office, is to be pressed to meet the delegation. George Foulkes, the Labour foreign affairs spokesman, says: "With Fortress Falklands costing the country £50 million a year, the opposition partis and many Conservatives see the need to normalize relations. It seems as if only Mrs Thatcher is now holding out."

Glowing report

I don't give much for the chances of bigwigs in South Glamorgan in the event of nuclear war. The county council's public protection committee was last night considering the laughable results of a Home Office inspection of the Coryton "emergency centre" (ie nuclear bunker) in Cardiff. "It was found that the existing asphalt roof covering (which was 30 years old) had cracked and blistered in numerous places. This was allowing rain water to seep through the concrete roof", says the report of the council's chief executive. These leaks "are affecting the electric cabling and will ultimately cause damage to the communications equipment and lead to deterioration of the fabric of the structure". Coryton would be proof against radiation – "subject to the roof being repaired".

BARRY FANTONI



'Cheer up, Nigel, some girls might find a car made by Vauxhall really off-beat'

Oh, Mr Porter

Embarrassment looms for the sedate East India Club in St James's. It is being taken to an industrial tribunal by an ex-hall porter, as I have reported, and the case will be heard on February 3. The management of that august institution clearly does not relish the prospect. The porter, Samuel Parks, who is claiming unfair dismissal, was offered first a small sum of money, to withdraw, then a much larger sum, but he has refused. Yesterday Parks's adviser Michael Dickson, told me: "Mr Parks is not going to be bought off. A principle is at stake." The club secretary, John Stoy, and the club's solicitors declined to comment.

Frisson

Reg Freeson, Labour MP for Brent East, teeters on the brink. Will he or won't he defy his party and stand as an independent at the next election against Ken Livingstone? He certainly makes no bones of his contempt for the man who has seized the parliamentary nomination from him. The Brent East party is "in serious crisis – an unsurprising outcome of years of factionalism, conspiratorial politics and manipulation associated with Mr Livingstone", writes Freeson to his party secretary. "I oppose narrow ideologues, adventurists and carpet-baggers. . . the abuse of local government for personal aggrandisement. . . the manipulation of the party and idealistic followers by ambitious populists. . . the abuse of anti-racism." The time is near "when one has to stand one's ground and risk defeat", he hints tantalisingly. "Something must be done to stop the rot. . . I am seriously considering what that should be. To paraphrase Thoreau, inaction would be implicit consent."

Lebor report

Reg Freeson is not the only Labour politician unhappy, it seems, about Ken Livingstone's parliamentary candidacy in Brent East. The opinions of former Brent council leader, John Lebor, were canvassed last summer by Labour and his lack of enthusiasm for Livingstone did not go unnoticed. Weeks later the chairman of the local Labour party, Emma Tait, wrote sternly asking him to "clarify his position" by "actively campaigning on behalf of the official Labour party candidate" in the next general election. Lebor wrote back: Are you really asking for an undertaking of active campaigning for two years in advance? If you are, perhaps you could let me know under which party rule you are demanding this undertaking and who else you have asked?"

PHS

Rodney Cowton on the uncertain future of the Nimrod spy plane

Will Younger strike down the mighty hunter?

The Nimrod airborne early warning project looks set to stage the most spectacular crash of any British defence scheme for nearly 20 years. After nine years' work and commitments of £1,000 million, the project is running at least four years behind schedule. The aircraft's performance still falls far short not only of the standards which the RAF originally demanded but, in important respects, the much lower interim standards which, as a desperation measure, were set last summer.

The project began in 1977 after intensive lobbying by industry and other interests. The RAF really wanted the American Awacs, 18 of which have since come into service with Nato. But at the time it was proving difficult to obtain agreement on a Nato programme and for Britain alone to buy Awacs, for about £450 million, was considered too expensive.

So Britain decided to develop its own radar and other electronic systems to be installed in the adapted fuselage of existing Nimrods – developed from the world's first civil jet airliner, the Comet. This was expected to cost about £300 million at 1977 prices and all 41 aircraft should have been operational by 1984 at the latest.

However, as things now stand, the aircraft will not be in RAF service before 1987 or 1988 at the earliest, and even on the most optimistic assumptions the performance would be far below what the RAF originally sought.

The whole of the originally estimated cost, which translates into £850 million at today's prices, has been spent. Probably another £100 million has been committed but not actually disbursed, and perhaps £375 million would be require to bring the project up to a minimum standard. Beyond that several years' more work at great cost would be required to bring it up to the originally specified performance.

One of the problems with early warning aircraft is that many yardsticks exist for assessing performance. On some, Nimrod is said to be as good as, or better than, Awacs. But on several important measures it fails by a a wide margin to meet the minimum initial operating standard.

There appears to have been little advance over the last year; indeed it is rumoured that the performance of one aircraft carrying out trial sorties has fallen in that time.

The problem is not with the aircraft itself but with the radars, computers and other equipment which track enemy aircraft. The prime contractor for this equipment is GEC Avionics.

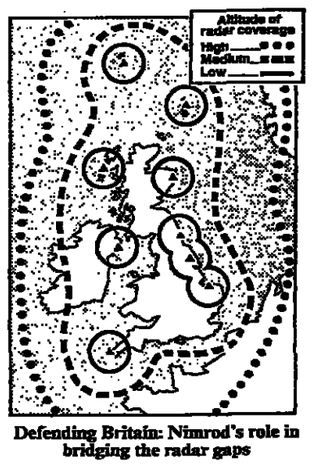
For at least a year the Ministry of Defence has doubted whether GEC could bring these systems up to even a minimum standard, and the RAF despaired of the project months ago. It has been kept alive partly out of hope that, miraculously, things would come right, but chiefly because it was thought politically unacceptable to write off a project on which so much had been spent.

Unless GEC comes forward with radically improved proposals for achieving performance targets it appears that George Younger, the new Defence Secretary, may be about to summon up the courage to grasp this thistle and snap it off.

The political price may not be too great. The project was begun by a Labour government, with Fred Mulley as Defence Secretary, and no doubt Michael Heseltine would be made to carry most of the opprobrium for not having cancelled it during his three years at Defence.

Cancellation, although causing acrimony, would probably be in the best interests of GEC itself. Even those most critical of its performance over Nimrod acknowledge that GEC Avionics does excellent work in other fields and regret that it is being tainted by this one failure.

One thing which has not been challenged throughout Nimrod's long and laborious gestation is the need for something to fulfil this role. The UK air defence region extends far to the north of the Faroe Islands, east to Norway and almost to Denmark, and well to the west of Ireland. The region is covered at high altitude out to a distance of 200 miles or more from the UK by land-based radars. At medium height there is good cover to about 100 miles, but at low level there are huge gaps in the radar cover, particularly to the north and west, through which enemy bombers could attack. It is the job of airborne radar to fill these gaps.



Defending Britain: Nimrod's role in bridging the radar gaps

Britain has had early warning coverage of a sort for years. Since the 1950s it has been provided by Shackleton aircraft carrying 1940s vintage radar. These aircraft are regarded with admiration and affection but they were regarded only as a stop-gap when they were introduced.

The six remaining in service are being given a four-month refit to keep them going until 1988, and perhaps until 1990 if there is nothing to replace them. The RAF has scoured the world for spare parts to keep them operational.

Even at its present level of performance Nimrod is a great advance on the Shackletons. If it met the original performance specification one aircraft could provide surveillance over perhaps 10 times the area covered by a Shackleton.

While a Shackleton working flat out might be able to report by radio perhaps 30-40 tracks of aircraft per minute, the elecronics of Nimrod – the "mighty hunter" of the Book of Genesis – should be able to monitor and transmit information on at least 10 times that number of tracks per second, instantly disseminating the information to Nato and British air defence systems and controlling squadrons of allied fighters. But, at present, in some repects, it cannot do it.

Although intended primarily for use over the sea, Nimrod is also supposed to have some capability over land. However, it has difficulty in distinguishing between slow-moving helicopters and fast-moving ground vehicles. When carrying out surveillance over the sea, but looking towards the land, radar signals from the sea area may be obscured by false responses from the land.

It should be able to track hundreds of aircraft simultaneously, but its computer can handle only a fraction of that number. Maintenance and reliability are said to be major problems, with insufficient fault identification equipment.

GEC accuses the RAF of "moving the goal posts". To this the RAF replies that the original specification has not been greatly changed and that what change there has been is to be expected when a project is running four years late and the threat which it is supposed to counter is advancing the whole time.

GEC increasingly complains of the problems of trying to cram its systems into a cramped fuselage. The RAF replies that the Nimrod fuselage would have been adequate if the systems had worked as they were supposed to; the problem has arisen from the need to add extra equipment to remedy deficiencies in performance.

There are three possible replacements the Boeing Awacs, already in service with Nato; the E-2C Hawkeye operated by the US Navy, and the Orion P-3C, which Lockheed is seeking to market.

The Hawkeye does not have the necessary range and the Orion, although a well proven aircraft, would be new in the early warning role. The cabinet is under strong pressure now to cancel Nimrod and order the necessary number of Awacs – probably about six.

That would add an additional £800 million to the already overstretched defence budget over the next three years. But at least the money would be spent on a proven system and would dispose of the most unsatisfactory defence project of the decade.

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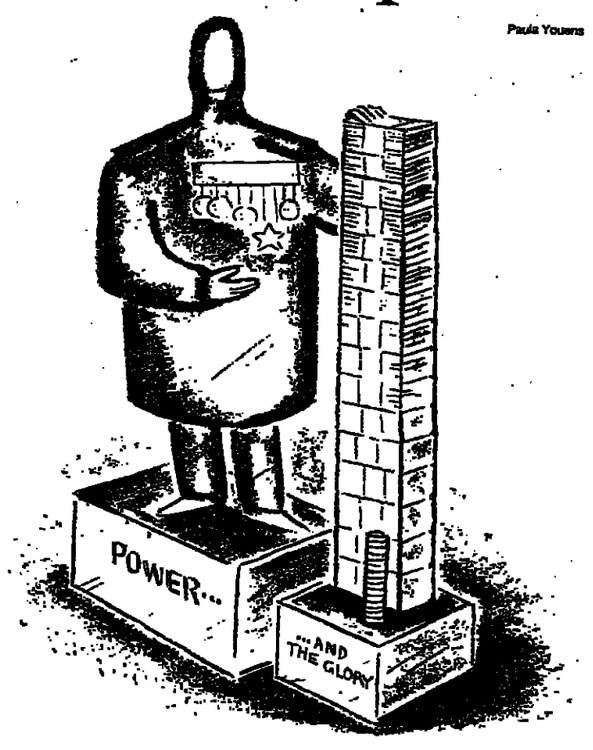
COUNTDOWN TO CRISIS

January 1975	Agreement to replace 1950s Shackletons.
March 1977	Labour government approves project for 11 Nimrods in preference to American Awacs at estimated cost of £250-£300 million for service by end of 1982.
1979	New Conservative government decides to proceed.
1982	Defence white paper says Nimrod Mark 3 should enter service following year.
1984	Defence white paper refers to Nimrod's "introduction into service later this year".
November 1984	First Nimrod handed over to RAF Waddington for validation
End 1984	£710 million already spent, a further £106 million committed.
Late 1985	Negotiations between MoD and GEC to agree minimum operational capability, date and cost for achieving it. GEC indicates four years and up to £400 million or more. At least £900 million already spent or committed.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Power that enriches while it corrupts

Paula Youens



Tito's widow has been claiming (unsuccessfully) her inheritance; he had got rid of her a few years before his death, no doubt to instal something more agreeable and up-to-date in her place, and they clearly parted very non-speaks indeed – so much so that she seems to have lived under conditions not far removed from house arrest ever since.

The marital relations of Tito do not concern me: what caused me to twitch an eyebrow when I read of the dispute over his property was the list of the said property. It included cars, motorboats, horses, yachts, jewellry, paintings, a score of villas, orchards, a safari park and vineyards, and the value amounted to millions of pounds.

You see the point immediately, no doubt. What was this noble, selfless, upright, honourable, caring, moral, austere, heroic, truly socialist figure – the Stafford Cripps of the Balkans, the Keir Hardie of the non-aligned, the Nye Bevan of small nations – what was he doing with millions of pounds worth of luxury goods, disappointed widow or no disappointed widow?

Not everybody can answer that question, and some who can answer it will be reluctant to do so. Yet the answer, however distasteful it may be thought, is surely a very straightforward one: it is that mass murderers are very unlikely indeed to jib at theft. Moreover, when the mass murderer in question is not part of the private sector, but the unchallenged and unchallengeable despotic ruler of an entire state, he can loot the public purse with impunity, for none of the mice will be willing to bell the cat, or even to admit that there is a cat to be belled.

It is easy to see this in the case of Ceausescu, who is *nothing* but a thieving scoundrel, or in that of the Emperor Bokassa. Giscard d'Estaing's *cher ami*. But it is hardly more difficult to see it in the case of some rulers who have committed few, if any, murders, but have concentrated entirely on providing for their old age or overthrow. There must, for instance, be banks in Zurich desperate for space in which to accommodate the savings of President Mobutu of Zaire: it seems that Washington estate agents have been buying whole neighbourhoods on behalf of President Marcos of the Philippines: and one of the few good laughs the people of Poland had when Jaruzelski took power was the sight of those he had supplanted being accused of widespread peculation.

But Tito was supposed (though not by me) to be above all that. Mass murder, yes; the dead'uns were obstructing progress towards socialism, and you can't make a real Yugoslav omelette without breaking a bottle of *slivovitz*. But a taste for luxury, and robbing the public in order to indulge it? Even unreconstructed Stalinists, willing to believe anything bad about the man who defied their hero, will surely be astonished to learn that Tito collected jewellry, country houses and vineyards.

Lord Acton did *not* say "All power corrupts", and he would have been a prize fool if he had. Did power corrupt Gandhi? Or Clement Attlee? Or Pope John? Or his present successor? Or Florence Nightingale? Or Vespasian? Or, ahem, Hannibal? What Acton said was "Power *tends to* corrupt"; inevitability was brought into it only in the form, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

And so it does, and always will. Nor, as my roll-call suggests, is the corruption of power limited to one end of the political spectrum. It is true that supporters of left-wing regimes, and of left-wing insurgents against right-wing regimes, invariably claim that the defeated or beleaguered forces of the right are financially corrupt, and those making the claims proudly contrast their own side's scrupulous purity in money matters, to such an extent that it sometimes seems as though Marxism is not an ideology but an antibiotic, with the miraculous property of cleansing the patient's blood of avarice, dishonesty and a taste for *grands crus* and caviar.

But apart from the fact that it almost always turns out, even if only after some years, that the Marxist power-brokers were not in the least averse to sleeping on feather-beds, dining off gold plate and exercising every variety of *droit de seigneur*, there is no evidence at all that a belief in communism, even if it is genuine rather than cynically professed, is in any way a guarantee of financial probity and moral uprightness.

How could it be? The potential corruption of power is within us, not external; the reason most of us never succumb to it is that we have no power, and the wiser among us take good care never to acquire any, precisely because we are not certain that we could resist its heady fumes. But even if we have power, or seek it most assiduously, it can never, in societies like ours, be absolute, or even very substantial. It is otherwise with the Titos and Bokassas.

As it happens, I knew that Tito was a crook as long ago as 1977, when, on a state visit to France, he stopped at Michel Guérard's place at Eugénie-les-Bains (to judge by that waistline I bet he didn't go for the *cuisine minceur*) and skedaddled without paying the bill; Guérard complained loudly, and the French Foreign Office turned as pink as mine host's roast lamb and forked out for what Tito had forked in.

I remember remarking at the time that Tito had been so accustomed to bilking restaurateurs and shopkeepers in his own country without being challenged (because none, back home, would dare to challenge him) that he had altogether forgotten that elsewhere a bit of give is expected to accompany the take.

"We brought nothing into this world," says the Prayer Book, "and it is certain that we shall carry nothing out of it." No, but in between, if we are in a position to do so, we can collect quite a lot, and enjoy it for quite a long time. And when we have the power of life and death over our subjects, how easy it must be to believe that if their lives are ours to command, to regulate and even to destroy, then their property is as nothing, and can be diverted to our use without any feeling of unease, let alone guilt.

And in time, such tyrants come to believe that not only their subjects but the very soil of their country belongs to them (literally – among Tito's inventory was an entire island in the Adriatic), and may be gathered in to make their lives still more comfortable.

Here I pause to make a prophecy. The Widow Mao was accused, when after Mao's death his faction was overthrown, of countless crimes; among these was a taste for luxury, indulged at the expense of the toiling masses. The most bizarre of the charges was that she used to eat hot melon; well, tastes differ, and I certainly prefer mine *frappé*, but that is not the point. The point is that the new rulers of China fingered her as corrupt, diverting to her own use that which was the property of all.

Now for my prophecy: within five years of where we sit, Mao will have been condemned by his successors for precisely the same crimes, only to a far greater extent. We shall learn that he had a vast collection of precious jade, golden armour, silk underwear, whores, crocodile-skin shoes, jewelled cigarette-holders, Fabergé knick-knacks and a dozen more varieties of extremely unproletarian comforts; with any luck it will be revealed that he went on the Long March in a Rolls-Royce, with a Fortnums hamper in the boot.

That will be disconcerting to Mr Neville Maxwell (Felix Greene has died), but it will not surprise me in the least. Absolute power corrupts absolutely, and when a man is worshipped as a living god (I never tire of pointing out that when Mao died there were *seven hundred million* extant pictures of him in China) he would have to be of a nonpareil diffidence and modesty to insist that he was only – er – *primus inter pares*.

Mankind is not yet perfect, and it is my sad task to announce that perfection is most unlikely to be achieved by the week after next, and that meanwhile greedy swine like Tito will take what they can get, and none shall say them nay. The solution lies not in trying to hurry the perfection, but in devising a system that takes the imperfection into account. And there is only one way to achieve that: a form of government which prevents any man from having great power, let alone absolute power, over the governed.

There are, of course, better reasons for democracy than that it prevents its leaders amassing yachts, villas, safari-parks, paintings and vineyards, but that is a very good reason none the less. I don't know whether Tito ever read Montaigne, but if he did I wonder what he thought when he got to the bit which says, "Sit we upon never so high a stool, yet sit we but upon our own tails". I dare say that all he did was to rearrange the silk cushions and call for some more Bollinger. And woe betide any serf who brought him the non-vintage.

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David Watt

Fix a link between heart and head

The words that have cropped up most often in the Westland affair (apart, perhaps, from "domineering") have been "anti-American" and "anti-European". As Geoffrey Smith pointed out the other day, it is, strictly speaking, unfair to drag these adjectives into the argument.

It is not anti-American to claim, as Michael Heseltine has done, that the Atlantic alliance would actually be strengthened if the Europeans became less dependent on American arms and if the Americans allowed the Europeans more than a derisory share of the US defence market.

It may be mistaken, but it is not necessarily anti-European to say, as the government has said, that the best way of making sure that the taxpayer does not have to fork out in the future is to allow Westland to grab the surest lifeline immediately available even if it happens to be American.

This will do as an explanation and an apology for the moment. Nevertheless, there is a real problem of national psychology here. There really are strong, shifting and often contradictory currents of opinion about the US and Europe at work which cannot fail to have a powerful influence on the way British interests are seen.

There is, in fact, an emotional element underpinning Heseltine's logical arguments, which is that the Americans are getting too powerful and contemptuous of us. If a lot of people did not feel this, he would not have made nearly as much headway as he has. On the other hand, if the prospect of European cooperation did not immediately arouse all sorts of atavistic doubts and suspicions, he would have made even more headway.

Trying to chart these waters is not easy, but perhaps the best starting point is Churchill's famous postwar image. This was of the three overlapping circles at the juncture of which Britain stands – the American, the European and the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth probably never appealed much to the British public, except when it still looked a bit like the Empire. It has subsequently disappointed policy makers of all political stripes because it has provided a less and less secure basis for British influence. It is now regarded as being of marginal importance even by the Labour Party, for whom it briefly seemed to offer a sublimated form of imperial benevolence. This is a pity, but it is a fact.

The American circle has had a chequered career. It was sustained at the popular level for 25 years by the simple idea that the Americans are "nice people" who speak our language, and that anyway we need them to defend us against the Russians. This view was given a new impetus by the glamour of John Kennedy, but was undermined by the Vietnam war, by the appearance of presidents from Johnson to Reagan to whom the British found it hard to relate, and by nearly 15 years of economic difficulties which have exacerbated conflicts of interest between ourselves and the US.

At the point we have now reached, the opinion polls show that while we still like Americans as people, we rather distrust them as a state and are worried about the competence and views of the present administration. For instance, the addition of the words "American-controlled" to questions about cruise missiles adds 10 percentage points to opposition to them. The British would not have elected Ronald Reagan in 1984. Their view of him as a president is now the reverse of the American: 30 per cent are satisfied, 70 per cent are not.

The political and bureaucratic worlds have taken a more complicated view. There have always been quite pronounced strands of anti-Americanism in the Conservative as well as the Labour Party. The fury of many Tories at the vulgar American usurpation of the Britain's imperial role has been matched by the left's eager adoption of the idea that the chief capitalist state must also, by definition, be an imperialist one, and therefore the legitimate heir to all the moral opprobrium they once heaped on the British Empire.

But mainstreams bipartisan opinion since the war has been that the "special relationship" with Washington, was the most comfortable, as well as the most effective instrument of British foreign policy.

Is this sentiment changing? Yes, but slowly. Many senior politicians and civil servants are much more sceptical than formerly about claims that American policies and British interests coincide, particularly in the economic field. And they tend to share the general sense of worry and irritation about the Reagan administration.

But old habits die hard, and most policy-makers instinctively prefer to make a bilateral accommodation with Washington rather than try to improve their negotiating hand by combining with other Europeans. The fact that this may often be the less effective strategy – given that the Americans themselves, except on a very narrow range of defence questions, no longer give Britain special rights – does not alter our mental furniture. The last two British governments have usually ended up with policies based on the conviction that "the moral is, keep hold of nurse, for fear of finding something worse".

If, in the American case, the British still allow sentiment to override some substantial doubts, in the European circle the opposite applies. We are only now, after 15 years in the EEC, and 25 in pursuit of membership, beginning to allow a powerful historic aversion to be overcome by the realization that self-interest forces us to make Europe the main foundation of our foreign stance.

Many recent decisions, of which the Channel tunnel is the most spectacular (and probably, in its present form, the least useful), attest to the change.

Because there is little feeling outside the thin ranks of European enthusiasts in the bureaucracy, however, the acknowledged logic of British interest is seldom followed out properly in practice.

The picture I have painted here does not imply that conflict between European and American interests is inevitable; for the most part they are still congruent. I am not even portraying a titanic struggle for the soul of Britain. But we are in a muddle which will take time to clear up. Meanwhile perhaps we would be wise to follow our heads a little more often and our confused hearts a little less.

***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Wearing a heart on his stripes

As you must be aware by now, Moreover Enterprises has its very own publishing house, Mills and Bang, which produces nothing but romantic military fiction. The romance appeals to the girls, the violence appeals to the men – and it's all in the same novels! That's why Mills and Bang fiction, as delicate as a spray of apple blossom, yet as tough as a kick in the shins, is always up there in the best-seller list and we confidently feel that this new crop of macho yet maidenly yarns will get you in the guts.

Sally of Salisbury Plain, by Letitia Knapsack.

When her mother and father had died unexpectedly, Sally had inherited their place on the edge of Salisbury Plain. After paying her death duties, she had only 50,000 acres and a stately home left, but she felt it was her duty to the nation to keep it going. Accordingly, she opened it to the public one day a year and the rest of the time had wild parties there for her friends from London.

One morning, she looked out of her bedroom window to see that the ancestral lawn had been turned into a crater 40 feet deep. She tried to remember what her weekend guests had been up to the night before, then suddenly realized that it was Wednesday and she was alone in the house. As she did so, she realized there was a man in the room with her.

"Are you the new butler?" she asked.

"No ma'am. I am Captain Roberts of the Yeomanshire Regiment. I wish to apologize for my men's direct hit on your lawn. It was a stray shell and will not happen again."

During the weeks that were to ensue, Sally was to fall deeply in love with Captain Roberts's simple way of life, his almost mystic contact with earth, khaki and bare metal. At the same time, Captain Roberts was to fall deeply in love with Sally's endless round of parties and wild orgies. But which one of them was to win? The answer is revealed on one passionate night, when the two young people come to a compromise, and Sally's stately home is destroyed by yet another stray shell.

The Gentle Spider's Web, by Trudi Greensleeves.

It was not until he joined the Parachute Regiment that Ralph realized he had an unconquerable fear of heights.

"Oh, Judy," he wept into his girlfriend's denim shoulder-padding, "I do my first drop tomorrow, and I would do anything to get out of it."

Judy's heart softened at this first sign of humanity in Ralph.

"Don't worry," she said. "I will do the jump instead of you."

"But . . . you have no moustache. No tattoos. They will notice."

Twenty-four hours later, equipped with a false moustache and hastily stencilled tattoo, Judy did her first jump. She loved it. Parachute Sergeant Ivor Thomas noticed her style and fell in love with her on the spot. But he thought she was a man called Ralph. Never mind – everything was finally settled in a dramatic three-person jump over Brüdershaufen.

Souffle of Hearts, by Germaine Mud.

"Four hundred baked beans on toast and one smoked mackerel quiche," said Major "Bob" Devizes.

"Sorry, baked beans is off", said Shirley of the Catering Corps. Then she looked into Bob's eyes and gasped. He was really quite dishy.

"Then make it smoked mackerel quiche for two", he said, reaching over and grasping her oven glove. The battalion later starved to death, but for Shirley and Bob it was never-ending love, plus lasagne on Sundays.

Love Beyond Question, by Camille Philofax.

"I just want to ask you a few questions", said Sergeant Sam Quirt of Her Majesty's Interrogation Corps, flicking his electronic truncheon.

"And I want to ask *you* a question", said brave Bertha O'Branigan. "How on earth can you bear to wear that *ghastly* combat jacket with that *terrible* beret?"

Sam gasped. Nobody had ever dared to answer him back before. Several torture sessions later and he would do everything she asked, even turn up in a smart DJ and red carnation. But by then, who was asking who the questions? A classic of Belfast backchat.

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EXCESSES OF LOYALTY

The Prime Minister's statement to the House of Commons yesterday reinforced her well deserved reputation for loyalty to her colleagues. There is still unfinished business, however, if she is to regain the reputation for strong government that is her own best political asset and the best available source of good government for Britain.

In the days after Mr Heseltine resigned from the Cabinet Mrs Thatcher was castigated for being dogmatic, domineering and dictatorial. This was never a seriously sustainable charge although it had its uses in Mr Heseltine's campaign for the support of grumbling Tory back benchers. Since then it has become hard to resist the conclusion that the Government would be in a much better state if she had been as tough in her dealings with certain ministers and advisers as Mr Heseltine said that she was. After yesterday's statement that conclusion is absolutely clear.

Mrs Thatcher told the House that she "regretted the manner" in which the Solicitor General's letter had been selectively published via a telephone call to the Press Association. She also regretted the fact that the Solicitor General had not been consulted about the leak of his confidential letter in which he accused Mr Heseltine of "material inaccuracy" in his advice to the bankers for the European consortium. She may yet have cause to regret much more.

Officials in her office are said to have acted without her knowledge to leak a document in a way that had damaging political consequences. She has no choice now but to protect them. Nor would her inclination be to do anything else. But she must ask herself whether those who took such decisions are the right people, in the right place, with the right powers if she is to overcome problems like this in the future.

Mr Leon Brittan now has "the cover" to which he felt entitled. He would have preferred the Prime Minister's office to have publicized the Solicitor General's letter in some form. The decision went against him and he was left to do it himself through his own department. The fact remains, however, that Mr Brittan was the senior responsible minister to have knowledge of the unorthodox events that were taking place. It is easy to see the logic of those loyalist Tory MPs who argued yesterday that this sort of leaking is the daily stuff of government, whichever party is in power. It is easy to agree that the Government's handling of the Westland affair has grown out of context and out of all proportion. But logic is a poor friend in politics. Context and proportion matter much more. Mr Brittan, a sound logician has shown himself an unsound politician.

For more than a week potentially deadly issues have been hovering like vultures over the battered body of the Trade and Industry Secretary. Some of them he has frightened away. Sir Raymond Lygo's letter is not the lethal threat it once threatened to be. It can be classified by students of the Westland affair in their bulging files marked "disputed accounts of meetings". And since the BAe chief felt able – for reasons of improved memory or future commercial prospects – to bring his account closer to that of his sponsoring minister, the Lygo letter affair can be set aside for the moment. It did not, however, leave Mr Brittan with an unassailed reputation for candour.

The case of the Mayhew letter was never open to the excuse of "misunderstanding". In his defensive speech in the Commons on the 15th January Mr Brittan asked MPs to believe that although he had "consulted the Law Officer" about Mr Heseltine's letter, he had not asked the Law Officer to write his subsequent letter to Mr Heseltine. There were not a few who found this hard to believe even then. But we now know that, while he was making that statement, he withheld the fact that he had himself authorized the leaking of that letter.

The House deserves more candour than it has this week received from Mr Brittan. The prime cause of the Government's damage in this affair is the behaviour of Mr Michael Heseltine. Mrs Thatcher must regret that she did not remove him from her Government well before he resigned. But in the dirty fight that Mr Heseltine precipitated Mr Brittan has allowed himself to be dragged down too close to his adversary's level. Since he has Mrs Thatcher's "cover" she can hardly dismiss him. It would be better now for his government and his party if he were to give her his resignation.

TRIBALISM VERSUS MARXISM

Through all the clouds of uncertainty which have hung above South Yemen this week, one conclusion has clearly emerged. Soviet strategic planning in the Middle East has been complicated by a turn of events which the Russians could hardly have expected, and for which they could still less have wished. Their grand diplomatic design to re-enter the Middle East peace process has suffered something of a reverse. If a pro-Soviet faction wins power in a Third World country, it can be supported and if this is later overthrown and replaced then the new regime can be reviled as a reactionary force, embodying all that is worst in the West. But if one pro-Soviet party falls out with another, over arguments which are personal or tribal, then the Kremlin is lost for an answer.

This is not the first time that tribal divisions have proved too much for Russian ambitions in the Third World. They were only too clearly evident during the early days of the crisis in Afghanistan. But their impact upon South Yemen (containing as it does the port of Aden, a strategically vital base for Soviet operations in the Indian Ocean) can hardly have come at a less propitious moment for the new men in the Kremlin.

In the Middle East as elsewhere in the world, they had thought they were starting to reap the benefits of the fresh diplomatic style which had emerged in the post-Brezhnev era, with its lighter touch, greater flexibility and less dogmatic pursuit of long-term Marxist ideals. In recent months the Soviet Union has resumed diplomatic relations with the Gulf states of Oman and the United Arab Emirates, and there has been talk of overtures to Saudi Arabia. There have even been rumours of links being restored between the Soviet Union and Israel; it is also worth noting that the resumption of diplomatic relations between Israel and Spain did not come in for the condemnation it might have earned from Moscow twelve months ago, however unpopular Spain's political leaders made themselves in the Arab world. Gradually the Russians have been able to implant the notion that in any overall settlement of the Middle East issues, the Russians would have to be involved. But is it true?

As Soviet interests have spread round the world so its leadership has also come to realize the attendant risks of foreign involvement. To take recent developments alone, the drought in Africa has indirectly concentrated criticism on Moscow because of its meagre aid to the starving in Ethiopia. In Lebanon it has become involved in a hostage crisis, a fate usually associated more with Western countries. In Afghanistan the Red Army has come under fire – literally and metaphorically. The Kremlin is being made to realize that in the eyes of the Third World one superpower looks much like another, except when its help is needed, and then it tends to be the United States which responds the more readily.

But what South Yemen has most graphically demonstrated is the uncertain grip which the Russians now have on events outside their heartland. Their talent for crisis management would win them few prizes in any Western training school. At one time it looked as if no satisfactory settlement could be achieved in the Middle East without at some stage winning Moscow's blessing. This certainly can be regarded as a prerequisite no longer. Indeed as yet another trouble-spot is added to the growing list, and Moscow struggles to regain control, the reverse may well be true.

AT HEAVEN'S GATE

Today, about an hour after the Greenwich segment of the western hemisphere enters full darkness, the space probe Voyager 2 will begin its passage through the planetary system of Uranus. The transit will take mere hours before the craft takes off for its possible rendezvous with Neptune in three years. The data about Uranus are a bonus; Voyagers 1 and 2 paid their way with their transmissions from the systems of Jupiter and Saturn. But if new astronomical information about the further solar system comes cheap, it is held dear.

That anthropomorphic, family feeling we extend to the planets of the Earth's star system makes the data precious to layman as well as space scientist. Voyager's discoveries – Uranus' "extra" moons, clues to its formation, the content of its atmosphere, inference about the planet's core – do more than add to the stock of local astronomical knowledge. They populate the familiar skies and bring their contents, rock, debris, mere gas, within the compass of human endeavour.

Voyager 2 demonstrates, yet again, the co-operative nature of the scientific project. It helps make comprehensible that yearning for international sharing that so often makes of scientists such naive politicians and vulnerable custodians of the West's freedoms. The probe is American, ditto the analysts of its transmissions at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. But Uranus was the discovery of that eminent Briton William Herschel, 170 years ago, and Australians are only one of the several groups of physicists and mathematicians who will piece together the rich fragments from Voyager. Some have essayed predictions (about the planet's atmosphere, about the mass of its satellites) that will be put to the test. Others will build from the data even further insights into the process by which the Universe came into being.

The project also shows how false is the common antithesis between science (meaning theoretical knowledge) and technology. The apparatus for receiving transmissions from the probe and for directing its course is both a precondition and an intimate of astrophysical knowledge of the highest abstraction. And in that marriage lies the cause for celebration today about a tiny event billions of miles away. Assimilating the signals from Uranus requires an act of imagination, and they feed it. As they slake they excite a thirst for new knowledge, pure and applied. Today's extra-terrestrial action is a spur to mental effort on Earth: good for science, good for its innovative application, good, too, for our sense of ourselves.

Decline in research

From Dr L. R. Weatherley

Sir, I refer to the views expressed by Sir Christopher Laidlaw (January 8) concerning research and academia and feel that it is worth pointing out that many members of the engineering community within academia have already gone a long way to embrace the approach which he proposes.

The motivation and will to develop ideas into useful products and processes, I believe, is stronger than Sir Christopher suggests. In my own discipline of chemical engineering we have seen within the university community a remarkable flexibility to respond to the needs of industry with new programmes of development activity in areas like biotechnology, speciality product development, process intensification and energy network analysis, to name but a few.

I agree wholeheartedly with the view that a greater emphasis should be placed on development and exploitation. Unfortunately those of us in academia who take this view are, more than ever, frustrated by the lack of pump-priming funding from public sources which is necessary to demonstrate the potential of an idea to would-be industrial sponsors. This is reflected in the great difficulty in recruiting staff of the appropriate calibre to carry out relevant development work.

Meanwhile we see huge amounts of public funding continually poured into the prestigious pure science projects which are seldom likely to see a financial return. Generation of wealth by the development of better processes, better products and more effective marketing ought to be the major priority. Then we may be able to justify generous spending on esoteric scientific research.

Unfortunately it appears to be a deeply rooted part of the British culture to measure scientific excellence in terms of pure knowledge rather than in terms of the marketability and commercial exploitation of ideas.

Yours faithfully,
LAWRENCE WEATHERLEY.
6 Fairways,
Dunfermline,
Fife.
January 13.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping hospitals free from disease

From Dr R. Eban

Sir, I fear the correct lesson will not be drawn from the enquiry into the Stanley Royd Hospital outbreak (report, January 22). Just as war is too important to be left to the generals, hygiene is too important to be left to the catering officers. The only safeguard in institutional catering is a weekly, if not daily inspection of the kitchens by a senior administrator independent of the caterers.

A twice-yearly inspection by an environmental health officer is quite useless in preventing an outbreak such as occurred at Stanley Royd and has occurred more recently (though with fortunately less disastrous results) at another large hospital. I was taught this lesson as a National Service regimental medical officer in the Far East, where the daily round of kitchens and latrines with the orderly sergeant was by far the most important part of my function.

The price of freedom from infection is eternal vigilance (not twice-yearly inspections). Who will assume this responsibility, and what is more, discharge it? In the past, administrators have been reluctant to leave their desks and their financial statements to do the frequent regular inspections of kitchens, toilets and washing facilities, the essential factor in maintaining elementary hygiene. Let us hope that our new managers do better.

Yours etc,
RAPHAEL EBAN,
Ealing Health District,
Ealing Hospital,
General Wing,
Uxbridge Road,
Southall,
Middlesex.
January 22.

From Mr Christopher Storrs

Sir, Mr Norman Fowler's replies in the Commons yesterday (January 21) on the subject of hygiene in hospitals show great disingenuousness. He cannot seriously believe his own distinction between management issues and that of Crown immunity.

It is difficult to believe that anything but the immunity from prosecution has undermined effective hygiene and management, and will continue to do so until it is removed. It is also difficult to believe that a Government which is keen to make authorities (local government, trade unions) more accountable, should be so tardy in this respect where Crown immunity is involved.

The most glaring aspect of the issue is Mr Fowler's failure to justify the persistence of immunity. Clearly, this is because there is no argument for it. While Mr Fowler has his inquiry and decides, can we have his assurance of his own resignation in the event of more fatalities like that at Stanley Royd hospital?

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER STORRS.
31 Seaton Point,
Downs Road, E5.
January 22.

Mental disorders

From Dr Francis J. M. Farley, FRS

Sir, Positron emission tomography (PET), which you say today ("Cracking the mind's secrets", January 20) gives insights into mental disease, is a direct product of research in particle physics. The techniques used are identical to those involved in unravelling complex nuclear events.

Once again research in esoteric subjects unexpectedly throws up devices useful in everyday life. If we opt out of basic science, we will miss out on the inventions, too. Only one PET scanner in Britain, and that not working, is a natural result of our failure to pursue particle physics more vigorously.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS J. M. FARLEY,
Carswell Barn,
Faringdon,
Oxfordshire.
January 20.

Paying a price for cathedral entry

From the Bishop of Rochester

Sir, In his letter about cathedrals (January 18) Dr John Maddison is, I fear, misleading about State aid for historic churches that are still in use.

Whilst for a while it may have been true that outstanding parish churches who made application, with their archdeacons' support, together with historic church buildings belonging to other denominations, could, if their case was proved, rely upon a grant of up to 50 per cent, this is no longer the case.

Under the new arrangement, by which responsibility has been delegated by the Secretary of State to English Heritage, the plain fact is that that new body, acting as the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission, does not have sufficient funds available to make grants of more than 40 per cent. Moreover, only a proportion of the outstanding parish churches that are now making application are receiving State aid. Many equally deserving cases are receiving no help at all.

So far as the Church of England is concerned, the prime need is for the commission to have sufficient funds to meet the known needs of historic parish churches, which are accountable under the long-established Faculty Jurisdiction procedure. The reason why cathedrals have never been eligible for State aid is that, as yet, they are not so accountable.

It is surely premature to ask for State aid to be extended to cathedrals until the needs of parish churches are being met more adequately, for cathedrals have such a much wider catchment area from which to raise funds.

Most cathedrals have indicated their readiness to become accountable in some such way, as has been suggested in the General Synod's report on Faculty Jurisdiction. This report was prepared to fulfil an undertaking given by the Church of England to the Government of the day when State aid was introduced in 1977.

It was debated by the Synod in 1984, when the Synod also agreed on a considered reply to the consultative document issued by the Department of the Environment in 1983.

Further consultation on these matters has been proceeding slowly ever since with successive ministers of state.

Yours sincerely,
†DAVID ROFFEN:.
Bishopscourt,
Rochester, Kent.

Fears for library

From the Chief Executive of the Library Association

Sir, Colin Hughes's article, "Carving up the County Hall cake" (January 8) draws attention to the problems involved in satisfactorily devolving the functions of the GLC to a variety of other bodies by April 1.

The Library Association is particularly concerned about the future of the GLC Research Library, which is a part of the Research and Intelligence Unit. To date the London boroughs have failed to reach agreement on the future of the unit.

The research library is the only major library in the country specialising in urban and local government affairs and its services are used by a wide range of organisations (both in the UK and overseas) including local government, private firms, academics and Government departments.

Its databases, the only English-language databases in the world specialising in urban affairs and local government, are used in over 20 countries worldwide.

If the boroughs cannot agree to support the research library it will pass to the London Residuary Body, where its fate will be determined.

Unfortunately the London Residuary Body has indicated that it is not prepared to take over GLC functions without funding from either the Government or the boroughs. Since the Government is unlikely to provide funds, and the boroughs cannot agree, the future of the research library is far from clear.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM,
Chief Executive,
The Library Association,
7 Ridgmount Street, WC1.

Independence of BBC

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, It may not be too late to hope that one paramount consideration will dominate the thinking of the Peacock committee as it ponders its conclusions on the BBC.

It was flagrantly wrong in the fifties, and it remains so today, that it should have been an "Independent" Television Authority set up to establish commercial channels in competition with the BBC. Independent of what? The implication is of some kind of freedom denied to the BBC.

Protests were made at the time and ignored. That these are relevant still in no way detracts from the splendid achievements of the commercial companies or their programmes.

Nonetheless the supreme inspiration of public service broadcasting, as embedded within the deepest foundations of the BBC, is that essential "independence" of motive, constrained only by law and constitution, which gave the BBC a world leadership and a world authority only lately under threat. It is precisely this which will be sacrificed if commercial advertising becomes any part of any programme to emanate from the BBC.

The governors of the BBC, appointed by the Privy Council, should have this main consideration always in the forefront of their minds. No such responsibility rests, or ever has, upon the members of the ITA. Their functions are quite different.

Boards at any one time may be good or they may be bad. All such have their peaks and their troughs; so too boards of management. It may matter for a time, but cannot be allowed to be of consequence in the sweep of years.

The true "independence" of the BBC is a priceless asset not only to this country but to the world. It should not be put at risk by the whim of Government or the requirements of financial "logic".

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LUSTY,
Broad Close,
Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Spanish Civil War

From Mr Peter Kemp

Sir, In his article on the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War (January 18) Antony Beevor tells a story, which is in fact quite untrue, about the Count of Alba de Yeltes shooting six of his labourers on the outbreak of that war.

It is based on misinterpretation of a passage in my own book on that war, *Mine Were of Trouble*, published here in 1957. I recognize now that the passage, taken out of its context, is open to misinterpretation, and so I ask you to let me put the record straight.

In fact, the count who, I explained, had a black sense of humour, invented the story himself to shock a naive British visitor, of whose opinions he disapproved. Unfortunately, as I realised later, I failed to make this vital point clear, and although I sought to amend the passage in page proof, my alterations, for reasons unclear to me, were ignored. My publishers and I subsequently apologized to the count for this unintentional slur upon him.

I should add that the count, whom I knew well, was in fact very popular with his workers, and he would never have contemplated such a crime. Anyone who had committed it would have faced trial from the Nationalist authorities.

Yours faithfully,
PETER KEMP,
24 Radnor Walk, SW3.
January 20.

Born to blush unseen

From Mr Christopher Wade

Sir, Further to your correspondent's list of disappearing forenames (January 3), I have been unearthing some choice 18th and 19th-century specimens in our survey of Hampstead parish churchyard.

Among the men, we have: Armine Snoxell, Fountain Elwin, Blanchard Coward, Alured Popple, Paramour Ashenden and Hercules Robinson.

But the women are more colourful: Blandinah Kesteven, Rejoyce Foot, Idonea Purton, Zephrette Hyndman, Onyxia Swinburn and Philadelphia Hancock: the latter was Jane Austen's aunt.

I have found much more *joie de vivre* in the graveyard than in your annual list of contemporary Christian names.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER WADE
(Vice-President, Camden History Society).
28 Willoughby Road, NW3.
January 14.

Stability at Defence

From Dr Bruce Collins

Sir, Mr Michael Glover (January 18) plays fast and loose with history. To discredit Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach's view (January 15) that frequent ministerial changes hurt defence policy, he reports that the Admiralty had no fewer than four political heads in the five years before Trafalgar.

Indeed. But Lord Spencer had enjoyed a long spell as a reforming administrator (1794-1801). His three successors all knew a good deal about their job. Two were full admirals of high standing who had also been MPs; one had served as controller of the Navy for 12 years, and Lord St Vincent had commanded both the Mediterranean and Channel fleets in wartime. Lord Melville helped conduct the war during the 1790s as one of Pitt's closest senior colleagues.

Although administrative controversies bedevilled the Admiralty during 1801-5, the prelude to Trafalgar and that engagement itself conformed to tested policies and practices, and confirmed a British naval superiority already established in five major battles from 1794 to 1801.

To compare that situation with the bureaucratic cauldron of the modern *three*-Service department of Defence is surely far-fetched. Perhaps Mr Glover's analogy arose from Mr Heseltine's turning a Nelsonian blind eye to signals from his superior and proceeding to grapple at close quarters with his adversary. But then Nelson always sank more than one of his chosen targets.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE COLLINS,
University of Glasgow,
Department of Modern History,
Glasgow.

Which chestnut?

From Wing Commander B. G. Burman

Sir, Your correspondent, Lawrence Hills (January 3), raises an old chestnut in his quest for information on the resistance to insect attack of chestnut timber. My cherished 1934 edition of A. L. Howard's *The Timbers of the World* quotes correspondence in your pages of over 90 years ago on the very same subject from the then architect to the London County Council, Thomas Blashill.

Sweet chestnut *(Castanea vulgaris* – 28lb 10oz per cubic ft) timber was extensively used for constructional work because of its resistance to attack by insects, boring beetles and fungus. Howard notes

that before the sixteenth century, on the Continent, the craftsmen in wood were already aware of the manner in which the use of chestnut mixed with oak formed a preservative to the oak . . .

The author gives examples of this practice of mixing the timbers to be seen in the carved stalls in the choir of Amiens cathedral and in the woodwork of the church of St Ouen at Rouen. He cites the beam in the common room of Peterhouse as an example of the use of chestnut in England.

Yours faithfully,
B. G. BURMAN,
HQ Afcent,
BFPO 28.

Sleepers awake

From Dr V. P. Geoghegan

Sir, Why all this fuss about sleepers on the railway? When I could afford it I used to travel overnight occasionally to Aberdeen and Inverness, but I did not contemplate wasting good railway time in *sleep*.

Miss the Newcastle High Level, the Forth and Tay bridges in the dawn, and that amazing kink in the middle of the Kinghorn tunnel?

Sleep, whether athwartships or otherwise, has no place in the real enjoyment of railway travel.

Yours truly,
V. P. GEOGHEGAN.
3 Somerstown,
Chichester,
West Sussex.
January 16.

Staying power

From Mr Alden Todd

Sir, Mr Arnold Butler's testimony (January 16) to the staying power of British ex-Service material echoes what I have thought since 1944. The British-made woollen undershirt that was issued to me that summer, through what we American servicemen called "reverse Lend-Lease", still warms me when I go skiing. And I occasionally wear a pair of British Army wool socks that I picked up in 1944 at Chilton Foliat, Hungerford, where someone had dropped or discarded them.

Yours faithfully,
ALDEN TODD,
13B Heath Drive, NW3.
January 17.

From Mr Des Foy

Sir, In his letter (January 16) Mr Butler refers to the longevity of Service materials. Early in 1942 I was issued with a complete set of RAF false teeth.

These have now been in daily use for nearly 44 years, have undoubtedly put in many more hours of active use than the dressing gown referred to, and are still as good as when they were first issued.

Yours faithfully,
DES FOY,
Womack,
17 Bolters Road South,
Horley,
Surrey.
January 17.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 24 1809

An episode in the Peninsular War (1808-14). General Sir John Moore, his retreat into Portugal cut off, withdrew to Corunna. There he found that the British Fleet had not arrived. In the ensuing battle Moore was wounded and died on January 16. He was buried in the citadel. "With his martial cloak around him".

[BATTLE OF CORUNNA]

LONDON.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1809

It was but in a part of our edition of yesterday that we were enabled to communicate to our readers a brief notice of some of the chief circumstances attending the battle of Corunna, and the final embarkation of our troops at that place: we shall resume the narration of these important events. The grief that we before expressed, in a public point of view, that the British army was leaving Spain, with hardly a sight of the enemy before whom they were retreating, now gives way to sentiments of private condolence with the friends of the heroes who have fallen in battle.

It appears, that on the evening of the 14th, that is three days after our troops reached Corunna, a hundred sail of transports arrived in that bay, and were followed by the remainder on the day following, that is, on Sunday the 15th. The whole of this day was passed in incessant skirmishes under the walls of Corunna, the enemy declining a general engagement and seeming only intent upon occupying our army, so as to prevent proceedings in the work of embarkation, till the arrival of fresh forces by which they might think themselves to overwhelm us. These having accordingly arrived in great numbers by the morning of the 16th, under the command (it is said) of Junot, and a considerable portion of our cavalry having already embarked, the enemy were seen to assemble around us, but particularly on our right wing between 10 and 11 o'clock of that day; and the British Generals prepared with courage and prudence to sustain an engagement, which it was clear had now become unavoidable.

. . . It was obviously the intention of the enemy to turn our right wing, and thus to interpose themselves between the main body of our army and the place of embarkation; but in all their endeavours to obtain this end, they were most completely defeated. Although the whole of our line, or nearly so, was engaged, yet the brigade that was chiefly opposed to them was that under Lord W. BENTINCK, comprising the 4th, 42d, and 50th regiments. After repeated attacks upon this point, in each of which the enemy was repelled with great slaughter, the English, in their turn, became the assailants. Observing an opportunity when their antagonists were thrown into confusion, the Guards advanced to complete their route and charged with the bayonet. This charge, which is generally irresistible when made by British troops, was in the present instance conclusive of the fate of the day, the enemy absolutely flying with the greatest precipitation, and not daring for the space of fourteen hours during which our forces were embarking, to renew the attack. . . .

Our loss in the battle is stated to be less than might have been apprehended, not much exceeding in killed and wounded six hundred men; among these are several Officers. It was in the beginning of the engagement that General MOORE received a musket-shot in the breast, which the Surgeon immediately pronounced mortal, and which he only survived till about twelve o'clock at night. . . .

It is unnecessary to say, that the whole of our troops displayed the greatest valour: frequent opportunities indeed of evincing their superior prowess occurred, not only in the final engagement, but during the whole of the retreat. The regiments which suffered most, were the 42d, 50th, 26th, and 3d Royals. . . .

After Generals MOORE and BAIRD were rendered incapable by their wounds of maintaining their post, the chief command, and of course the care of the embarkation, would devolve upon General HOPE. The loss of the above two Generals we do most sincerely regret, not only on account of their professional merit, but because information which they must have possessed, seems to us to be necessary to elucidate the views of the Administration in this singular campaign, and their own merits in the execution of them. We shall stand firm in the maintenance of the opinions which we yesterday advanced: and whatever sympathy we may possess for individual sufferings or private grief, we do most sincerely rejoice that the British army has not been suffered to quit Spain without giving their enemies a bitter taste of their valour. . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 23: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this morning opened the West Norfolk Business Enterprise Trust, King's Lynn Norfolk.

His Royal Highness later travelled to London in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the World of Watercolours and Drawings Fair and Exhibition at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W1.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, this evening dined with the Officers of The Queen's Guard, 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, at St James's Palace.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Hospice of Our Lady and St John, The Priory, Willen, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness attended a luncheon at Stopsley Sports Centre, St Thomas's Road, Stopsley, to meet people connected with the work of Luton Women's Aid.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 23: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, today opened the new Children's Unit at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 23: Princess Alexandra this morning presented the Awards of the Worldwide Bed and Breakfast Association at Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall, W8.

Lady Angela Whiteley was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Neil Diamond, 41; Lord Duncan-Sandys, CH, 78; Mr Bamber Gascoigne, 51; Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, 68; Dr Desmond Morris, 58; Earl Spencer, 62; Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskill, 69.

Mr Rupert Murdoch (left), chairman of News International, and Mr Charles Wilson (centre), editor of *The Times*, talking to Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, before a luncheon in his honour at Gray's Inn Road yesterday. Mr Peres is on an official visit to Britain (Photograph: Warren Harrison)

Marriage

Major B. E. Camp and Miss L. M. Mitchell
The marriage took place on January 23, at Guildford, between Major Brian Edward Camp of Thursley and Mrs Lynda Metcalf Mitchell, of Guildford.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. G. A. Younger and Miss S. E. Fergusson
The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of the Hon George and Mrs Younger, of Easter Leckie, Gargunnock, Stirling, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. M. N. Fergusson, of the Old Vicarage, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A. S. E. Allen and Miss J. A. Hartley Martin
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Allen, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hartley Martin, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr A. J. E. Berger and Miss M. S. Walker
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs P. B. S. Berger of Twyford, Berkshire, and Meryl, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. S. Walker, of Virginia Water, Surrey.

Capt. A. J. Brear and Miss J. S. Matthews
The engagement is announced between Andrew Brear, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Brear, of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and Jenny, daughter of the late Mr K. Matthews and of Mrs A. Smyth, of Limavady, Co Londonderry.

Mr E A S Donner and Miss J M Conn
The engagement is announced between Edward Allan Sedgefield, only son of the late Mr E J S Donner and Mrs M G Donner, of Streatley, Berkshire, and Judy Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P A Conn, of Zimbabwe.

Mr M N J Dunkley and Miss A D O'Callaghan
The engagement is announced between Marcus Norman James, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs N J Dunkley, of Hythe, Kent, and Anne Denise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Senan O'Callaghan, of Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

Mr J R Dunkley and Miss M J Larder
The engagement is announced between James Rudkin, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs N J Dunkley, of Hythe, Kent, and Melanie Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Larder, of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Mr N E Haines and Miss S E Littlewood
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on May 10, between Nicholas Esmond, elder son of Dr and Mrs A J Haines, of London, N8, and Susan Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs J M Littlewood, of Bardsey, West Yorkshire.

Mr D. T. Howker and Miss A. J. Foster
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K. Howker, of Blackpool, Lancashire, and Alison only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Foster, of Abbotts Langley, Hertfordshire.

Dr A. N. G. Harris and Miss A. D. Swain
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs N. H. Harris, of Westminster, and Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W. F. Swain, of Westminster.

Mr J. Jones and Miss M-L. Buckley
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Captain A. M. Jones, RN, (Retd) and Mrs Jones, of Warsash, Hampshire, and Marie-Ludocie, youngest daughter of Mrs Sabine Buckley and the late Mr James Buckley, of Burridge, Hampshire.

Mr M. J. Hennessy and Miss T. A. Crane
The engagement is announced between Mark Joseph Hennessy, son of Mr and Mrs J. L. Hennessy, of Lake Forest, Illinois, United States, and Tracey Anne Crane, of London, daughter of Philip Crane and the late Mrs Joan W. Crane, also of Lake Forest, Illinois, United States.

Mr N. J. Wood and Miss S. C. Hardie-Bick
The engagement is announced between Nick, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Wood, of Ecclestone Park, Merseyside, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Hardie-Bick, of Bickley, Kent.

Mr T. Q. Leigh and Miss J. E. Nyman
The engagement is announced between Trevor, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Leigh, of Highgate, London, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Nyman, of London, and Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr J. H. Lovett and Miss J. A. Harrington
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Jane Lovett and the late Mr Haddon Lovett, of Chatton, Northumberland, and Jane Armstrong, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Harrington, of Papplewick, Nottinghamshire.

Mr D. W. R. Marsh and Miss J. C. Chisholm
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Marsh, of Quinces, Bramshott, Hampshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Professor Michael Chisholm and Mrs Edith Chisholm, of Cambridge.

Mr D. Williams and Miss A. Hesketh
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs K. Williams, of Oakhill, Somerset, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. R. Hesketh, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr S. J. Merritt and Miss S. C. M. Carr
The engagement is announced between Simon John, son of Mr and Mrs David Merritt, of Sicklesmere House, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Sylvia Caroline Mary, daughter of Major and Mrs Rex Carr, of Beech Cottage, Hawstead, Bury St Edmunds.

Mr C. J. A. Mead and Miss C. A. M. O'Donnell
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Mead, of Havant, Hampshire, and Clare, younger daughter of the late Dr Raymond O'Donnell and the late Mrs Kathleen O'Donnell.

Mr R. C. Perry and Miss P. C. Sayers
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Perry, of Hove, Sussex, and Priscilla, daughter of Mr Arnold Sayers, CBE and Mrs Sayers, of Carswell, Holbeton, Devon.

Mr S. N. Pritchard and Miss H. S. Jameson
The engagement is announced between Stephen only son of Mr David Pritchard, of Abbotts Ann, Hampshire, and Mrs Daphne Pritchard, of Reigate, Surrey, and Hebe, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Jammeson, of Gargrave, North Yorkshire.

Mr J. Ratcliffe and Miss S. J. Foster
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr Tom Ratcliffe and of Mrs Jean Ratcliffe, of Buxton, Derbyshire, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Foster, of Putney, London, SW15.

Mr P. Roberts and Miss S. A. Willcocks
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Roberts, of St Fillians, Yelverton, Devon, and Sarah Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Willcocks, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr F. W. Roche and Miss H. J. Pont
The engagement is announced between Fergal, son of Dr K. P. and Dr M. F. Roche, of Bristol, and Heather, only daughter of Dr R. H. and Dr M. E. Pont, of Mission Hospital, Tank, Pakistan.

Mr R. F. Symondson and Miss A. J. Gaddie
The engagement is announced between Robin, second son of Mr and Mrs Guy Symondson, of Windlesham, Surrey, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gaddie, of Brede, Rye, Sussex.

Mr P. J. W. Symonds and Dottoressa A. E. Maggioni
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. de W. W. Symons, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, and Sandra, younger daughter of Dott Ing and Signora F. Maggioni, of Milan, Italy.

Mr M. T. Vernon and Miss H. L. Worsley
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr W. M. Vernon, of Fyfield, Hampshire, and Mrs Rosheen Vernon, of Montpelier Walk, London, and Harriet, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Worsley, of Furlong House, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Memorial service

Mrs J. Finlay
A memorial service for Mrs John (Sheena) Finlay was held at the Temple Church on Wednesday. The Master of the Temple officiated and prayers were said by Canon D. E. Nineham. Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls and Treasurer of the Middle Temple, and Baroness Platt of Writtle, Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, read the lessons. Lady Howe gave an address. Among those present were:

Judge Finlay, QC (husband), Mr and Mrs Richard Finlay (son), Mr and Mrs Malcolm Brocklebank (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Fabian Finlay (son), Dr and Mrs A C Cornbell (brother-in-law and sister), Mme Cornbell (brother-in-law and sister), Mme Gillian Hinton, Mrs Jane Kivlin, Mr Neil Cornbell.

Baroness Lockwood, Baroness Young, Lord Willis, Lady Plowden, Lord and Lady Roskill, Lord and Lady Ackner, Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice and Lady Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, the Hon Sir Denys Buckley, Sir David Cairns, Lady (Frank) Cooper, Sir John Thompson, Sir Robin Mickletbwait, QC, Lady (Frank) Wood, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, Dame Mary Donaldson, Sir Gordon and Ladie Borrie, Mr Justice and Lady Scott, Dame Anne Warburton, Mr Justice and Lady Sheen, Mr Justice and Lady Falconer, Lady Forbes, Sir Ralph and Lady Kilner Brown, Mr Justice Hollings, Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, Sir Campbell Adamson, Judge Sir David Westrussell, Mr Justice Nicholls, Mr G Haughton (Republic of Ireland Embassy), Miss Nuala Fennell (Minister of State for Women's Affairs, Republic of Ireland), Mr Austin Tinsley (Home Office), Mr J Morgan (Cabinet Office), Mr Stewart Platt.

Judge Edgar Smith, Judge and Mrs McDonnell, Judge Graham Hall, Judge Deborah Revland, Judge and Mrs David Griffiths, Judge Paul Clark, Judge Paul Baker, QC, Mr Alan Hayman, QC, Miss Carol Ellis, QC, Mr Jonathan Parker, QC and Mrs Parker, Mr Daniel Hollis, QC, and Mrs Hollis, Judge and Mrs John Edwards, Judge and Mrs Kenneth Queenie Edwards, QC, Judge John Newey, QC, and Mrs Newey, Judge Phelan, Mr Gabriel Hudson, Mr and Mrs Hudson, Queen's Proctor, Mr Joseph Dean, Mr Peter Boydell, QC, Mr Mark Littman, QC, Judge Waley, QC (Hon Country Judge), Mr Stewart Bates, QC, Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, Judge Pryor, QC, Mr John Mills, QC, and Mrs Mills, Mr Michael Sherrard, QC.

Mrs Elizabeth Parsons (University Women's Club), Mr Peter Newsam (Chairman, Commission for Racial Equality) with Mr Clifton Robinson (Deputy Chairman), Mrs J Belcher (National Council of Women), Mr C R Jones (Acas), Dr Margaret Joachim (Fawcett Society), Mrs V Robertson (president, British Federation of University Women) with Mrs (Na) Maclean (vice-president) and Miss M K B Day (treasurer), Mrs Ruby Taylor (National Chairman, Women's Gas Federation), Mrs Janet Southbatnar (representing the governors of Bromley High School), Mrs Mean Bell (member of Equal Opportunities Bromley Justices), Miss Kath Davies (Scottish Convention of Women), Mr L I S Smith (Deputy County Association Secretary), Mrs J McMullan (director, Electrical Association of Women), Mrs Sandra Brown (Thames Television), Miss Clare Mulhearn (BBA), Dr Jean Lawrie (Medical Women's Federation), Miss Joyce Baird (Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association), Mr I Munro (Commission of the European Communities), Mrs Rita Stevenson (Lockhart (Scottish Joint Action Group), Mr Ron Miller (Equal Opportunities Commission, Scotland).

Mr John Lowe (Equal Opportunities Commission, Wales), Miss Barbara Harris (chairman, Crosby Hall), Mrs Ann Clwyd (Lab, MP), Mr Roger Sims, MP, Rear-Admiral J R Hill (under-treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr and Mrs James Freeman, Mr Roger Nichols, Mr and Mrs J S Forbes, Mr and Mrs J L Cassin, Mr R L Pearce, Mr Nicholas Leigh-Smith, Dr C M Rigby, and Mr and Mrs E P Stone-James.

Luncheons

Management Consultants Association
Mr John Lidstone, chairman, and council members of the Management Consultants Association were hosts at a luncheon given for Lord Boardman at the Cavalry and Guards Club yesterday.

Institute of Freight Forwarders
The Institute of Freight Forwarders held its annual luncheon at the Institute of Directors yesterday. Mr J. G. Davis, president, proposed the health of the guests, which was responded to by the Earl of Limerick, President of the Institute of Export, on behalf of a number of representatives of government departments, trade associations and institutions associated with international transport.

British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce
Earl Jellicoe, Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, was the guest speaker at the members' luncheon of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday. Sir John Mayhew-Sanders presided and those present included Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, Mr G. G. Gventsadze, and Mr M. J. Llewellyn-Smith.

Reception

Civil Service Benevolent Fund
The Civil Service Benevolent Fund held a reception last night at the Whitehal Banqueting House to launch its centenary year appeal. The chairman, Sir Brian Cubbon, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Homoe Office, launched the appeal and the guests included permanent under-secretaries from other government departments, and representatives from civil service trades unions, welfare officers and staff of the fund.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mr Denis Thatcher were hosts at a dinner at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The guests were:

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster, Lady Holland-Martin, Sir Maurice and Lady Laing, Sir Jack and Lady Lyons, Sir Leslie and Lady Porter, Sir Terence and Lady Conran, Sir Philip and Lady Harris, Sir John and Lady Milne, Lady Cohen, Mr and Mrs David Alliance, Mr and Mrs Anthony Behar, Mr and Mrs Frank Cahouet, Mr and Mrs Barrie Clarke, Mr and Mrs E W Davidson, Mr and Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr Jocelyn Stevens, Dr Alan Gilmour, Mr and Mrs Ralph Halpern, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leigh, Mr and Mrs Gerald Lipton, Mr and Mrs Walter MacDonald, Mr and Mrs Robert Maxwell, Mr and Mrs Swraj Paul, Mr and Mrs Gerald Rowson, Mrs Sarah Roncoa, Mr Leonard Sainer, Miss Wendy Harris, Mr and Mrs Ernest Saunders, Mr George Trevithk, Mrs Susan Bernard, Mr and Mrs Mark Weinberg and Mr Mark Addison.

Pattenmakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual livery dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Mr A. N. Eskenzi, presided, assisted by the Renter Warden, the Rev J. E. Scott, and the Warden to the Trade, Mr G. W. Marshall. Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, and Mr C. A. Prendergast also spoke.

Society of Eeucation Officers
Mr Cliff Morgan, head of BBC Outside Brodcasting, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Society of Education Officers held at the Royal Over-Seas League last night. Mr J. Beale, chief education officer, West Glamorgan, and president of the society presided.

Company of Chartered Accountants
Mr Alderman David Rowe-Ham, Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, accompanied by Mr D. G. Richards, Senior Warden, and Sir John Grenside, Junior Warden, presided at a dinner held at Fishmongers' Hall last night. Judge John Owen and Mr David Williams also spoke. Among those present were:

Lord Remnant, the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, Sir Kenneth Cork, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Sir Kenneth Sheen, Judge John Himan, QC, the Chief Commoner and Master of the City of London, Solicitors' Company, and the Master of the Company of Chartered Surveyors.

Latest appointments

Woman ambassador for Panama

Mrs Margaret Bryan, aged 56, head of chancery at the British Embassy at Havana, has been appointed Ambassador to Panama in succession to Mr T. H. Steggle, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment. She will be the only woman ambassador in the Diplomatic Service.

Other appointments include:
Mr Marshall H. Field to be president of the Institute of Actuaries from July 1 in succession to Professor Peter G. Moore.

Shipwrights' Company

The following were elected officers of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year at a court meeting yesterday:
Prime Warden, Mr D B Kimber; Renter Warden, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles; Second Warden, Mr G R Newman; Third Warden, Mr F M Everard; Fourth Warden, Mr E C B Corlett.

The Prime Warden afterwards presented certificates to seven sea cadets who have been awarded Shipwrights' Company bursaries for berths on TS Royalist, and the Queen's Silver Medal to Mr David Burwood, who won the 1985 Shipbuilding Apprentice Prize.

Goulandris Collection's new home

3,000BC nude pride of museum

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A remarkable marble statue of an almost life-size female nude, *fashioned with abstract simplicity in* the third millenium BC on one of the Aegean Islands, is the pride of a new museum in Athens housing the Goulandris Collection, which includes the largest private collection of early Cycladic art in the world.

The four-storey marble and glass museum whose exhibits span more than 3,500 years of artistic achievement, was opened this week by Miss Melina Mercouri, the Greek Minister of Culture, and dedicated to the memory of Nikolaos Goulandris, the late shipowner and well-known Maecenas.

Mrs Dolly Goulandris, his widow and president of the Goulandris Foundation, said the collection had been the fruit of 25 years of efforts to keep these outstanding antiquities in Greece and eventually to make them accessible to the public. "I have always felt that cultural treasures should not be the personal property of private collectors," she said.

The museum's centrepiece, the "large female figurine", made of white marble with patches of grey and brown, stands 1.40 metres high. It is one of the two largest Cycladic idols ever found. The other, discovered on Amorgos Island, is in the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, but experts *maintain it cannot be compared for* artistic merit.

The statue portrays a female figure, possibly a goddess, her arms folded, her lyre-shaped head featuring aquiline nose and small ears, slightly inclined to the right, knees flexed as if in motion, feet slanting downwards as in a crucifix.

"For me, this is the masterpiece of the collection", said Dr Colin Renfrew, professor of archaeology at Cambridge University, who is an authority on early Cycladic art.

The statue had been sawn off in three parts to make it easier to smuggle out. But those who found it, probably in Amorgos, were persuaded to sell it instead to Mrs Goulandris.

Most of the museum's exhibits were acquired in the same way. There are 220 important objects dating from 3200 to 2000 BC in the Cycladic collection, ranging from *the violin-shaped* torsos of the earliest phase to the impressive figurines of the third millenium BC, the vessels of marble, pottery and metalwork.

Professor Renfrew speaks of the "breathtaking simplicity of line" in these Cycladic figurines "which avoids crudeness" and are so reminiscent of a Brancusi or Modigliani. He says: "Like all great artists, *these early sculptors* transcended the limitations of time and space to produce works which speak to us directly today".

Most of the Cycladic statuettes were found in graves of people who lived 4,500 years ago. But archaeologists are still unsure of the use of those idols during the lifetime of their owners.

One of the most striking exhibits is the small seated figurine, its almond-shaped head tilting backwards, holding out a wine cup as if proposing a toast.

If the Goulandris museum is the first in the world to present early Cycladic art as a major phase in world art on its own merits, the more comprehensive Goulandris collection of Ancient Greek art also on display there, is just as remarkable.

Its objects span 2,000 years from Minoan and Mycenaean pottery to late Roman glass, and includes important pieces of vases, sculpture, gold jewelry and implements. Several exhibits were repatriated after being smuggled out of Greece or Italy, some of them bought at London auctions.

Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, who has been appointed Apostolic Pronuncio at the Court of St James's. He succeeds Archbishop Bruno Heim, who left last August

Latest wills

Mr Hugh Burroughs, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, one of the two founders of the Gloster Aircraft Company in 1917, who died aged 101, left estate valued at £387,145 net.

Mr Thomas Michael Horgan, of Corbridge, Northumberland, left £502,673 net. He died intestate.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Barnard, Professor Howard Clive, of Godalming, Surrey, formerly of Caversham, Reading, professor of education at Reading University, 1937-51 ..... £164,556
Burnett, Mrs Jocelyn Fassett, of Courtmacsherry, Co Cork, left estate in England and Wales. £262,576
Davey, Mr Frederick, of Beaconsfield £518,373
Holland, Miss Violet Amy, of Chobham, Surrey £960,432
Jones, Mr Frederick William, of Liverpool £545,595

Judges knighted

Knighthoods have been conferred on Mr Justice Alliott and Mr Justice Ognall on their appointment as judges of the High Court.

Science report

Birds benefit by crying wolf

By Stephen Young

Scientists have discovered an unusual case of deception in the animal world. Many birds that live in flocks sound alarm calls warning their fellows of danger from predators. The research shows that some have learnt to exploit that arrangement by raising false alarms for personal gain.

Charles Munn, who is based at the New York Zoological Society, made the discovery while studying mixed flocks of birds in the Amazon forest of Peru. In such flocks, members of one species often act as sentinels, giving a distinct alarm call whenever a hawk is in the neighbourhood. On hearing the call, other birds dive for cover.

In return for their vigilance, sentinels receive a rich supply of insects, which are dislodged from vegetation by other members of the flock. In short, all parties seem to profit from the association.

Mr Munn studied two species of sentinels, which play similar roles in different parts of the forest. One, a tanager, operates in the high tree tops, while the other, an antshrike, prefers lower branches.

A sentinel's method of feeding often brings it into conflict with other members of the flock. Chases and scrambles for insects are commonplace. Mr Munn was surprised to find that both sentinels tend to raise the alarm during those competitive tussles. Could that be a way of distracting the opposition?

He realized that such warnings were bogus, partly because no predators were in the vicinity at the time and partly because the sentinel made no attempt to hide.

However, other birds in the flock cannot distinguish those sham alarms from real emergencies. Mr Munn confirmed their gullibility by playing them recordings of both types of call, while monitoring their responses. All calls were equally effective.

Why do sentinels cry wolf? The obvious answer is that by creating diversions they secure more food. Although the idea was difficult to prove, Mr Munn was able to support it with other evidence. Sentinels were more likely to resort to fraud, for example, when they needed extra food for a brood of youngsters.

The boy who cried "Wolf, wolf!" in Aesop's fable was eventually ignored, so why do the birds persist in responding to false alarms? Mr Munn points to the high costs of a failure to react during a real crisis. As a result, natural selection has ensured that flocks respond to all alarm calls regardless of the veracity of their sentinels.

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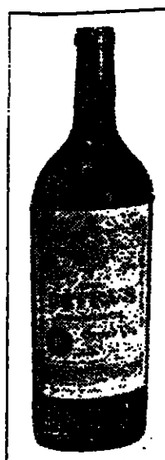

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OBITUARY

MR G. C. LLOYD-ROBERTS

Contributions to orthopaedics

Mr George Charles Lloyd-Roberts, FRCS, who died on January 12 at the age of 67, made major contributions to children's orthopaedics, a speciality in which he had a reputation both in this country and abroad. He was formerly Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and St George's Hospital, London.

He was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Cambridge, before completing his clinical studies at St Thomas's Hospital, London. He qualified in 1942 and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps serving for part of the war with the partisan forces both in Italy and Yugoslavia.

After the war he completed his surgical training at St George's Hospital and specialized in orthopaedic surgery. He was appointed Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at The Hospital for Sick Children in 1955 and at St George's in 1956.

Lloyd-Roberts had a distinguished national and international career in his chosen speciality. In 1953 he was awarded the Robert Jones Gold Medal and British Orthopaedic Association Prize for his essay on osteoarthritis of the hip joint. He was Civilian Consultant to both the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy.

He was President of the British Orthopaedic Association in 1977/78 and Member of the Council of The Royal College of Surgeons from 1976 until 1984.

He was appointed Member of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal by the Lord Chancellor in 1984.

His contributions to children's orthopaedics included, in particular, the management of congenital dislocation of the hip, club foot, Perthe's disease and bone and joint infection.

He was a prolific writer with a style and flair which made his books and many papers a pleasure to read. These included *Orthopaedics in Infancy and Childhood* (1972), *The Hip Joint in Childhood* (1977) and *Orthopaedic Surgery* (1968) which he edited.

He was a gifted and amusing speaker, who was in great demand as a lecturer and visiting speaker. As a result he travelled widely both in this country and abroad always returning with new ideas and interests from what he had seen.

Those who had the great good fortune to work with and to come under the influence of George Lloyd-Roberts will always remember the charming, witty character, who hid behind the mask of the gifted amateur English gentleman, a shrewd and penetrating intellect who was very much a professional at his chosen career.

SIR WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Sir William Richardson who died on January 16, aged 77, was for 25 years editor of *Reynolds News* which became the *Sunday Citizen*. He was its last editor, and was knighted the week before its closure in 1967.

It was a radical newspaper, founded in 1850 to support the People's Charter, and although its circulation was never large, it included many of the activists in the Co-operative, Labour and trade union movements, and had an influence out of proportion to its sales.

William Robert Richardson was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, son of a shipyard electrician, and was educated at elementary schools. At 14 he joined the staff of the *Co-operative News*, starting a continuous association for more than 50 years with the Co-operative movement. In 1936 he joined *Reynolds News* as a sub-editor, and in 1942, at the age of 33, became editor.

He was involved in the major political controversies of the post-war years and, under his editorship, the paper was a unifying force and a stabilising influence in the heated disputes of the 1950s which often threatened to split the Labour Party.

In the sometimes bitter atmosphere of Fleet Street and Labour Party politics in his time Richardson was much respected for his integrity, lack of malice and his devotion to the Labour and Co-operative movement which he served all his life.

In 1932 he married Gladys Gillians, who survives him with one son and two daughters.

SIR WILTON LEE

Sir Wilton Lee who died on January 15, aged 81, was founder chairman of the British Independent Steel Producers' Association and president of the stainless-steel firm, Arthur Lee and Sons.

George Wilton Lee was educated at Uppingham and Queen's College, Cambridge; his working life was devoted to the steel industry and to the family business. Starting as an under foreman in 1925 he took over as chairman of the firm on the death of his father in 1949.

In 1948 half the Lee Group's business was nationalized, but six years later he completed a re-purchase and began to become closely, if reluctantly, involved with the politics of steel.

When the possibility of renationalization returned in 1965 he fought hard to keep the smaller companies out of state ownership.

He became founder chairman of the Association, and on behalf of the private companies developed a productive working relationship with Lord Melchett, first chairman of the British Steel Corporation, a relationship that paved the way for a degree of sensible rationalization between the public and private sectors.

He took a lifelong interest in his native Sheffield. In the early 1960s he chaired the appeal committee for the extension of Sheffield Cathedral, work which was completed in 1966. A few years later he agreed to join a similar committee for York Minster.

He was chairman of the Sheffield Conservative Association for several years and a JP of the city. He was Master Cutler 1950-51.

He had the satisfaction of seeing his businesss recover from the years of recession and survive as an independent group with strong family participation.

An enthusiastic sportsman, he spent his time after his retirement in 1976 on his farm and developing his Trubrite herd of pedigee friesians. He was knighted in 1964.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

MR FRED TEBBUTT

H. C. writes:

Fred Tebbutt, OBE, who has died aged 85, was one of the last representatives of that breed of outstanding amateur archaeologist that is unique to this country.

A Huntingdonshire man, he ran his family business in St Neots until his retirement, and was also active in County Council affairs.

It was in this area that he first demonstrated his almost uncanny ability to interpret a landscape from the slight traces that often only his eyes could discern. Many of the leading professionals of latter-day British archaeology learned their craft from him while they were undergraduates.

Tebbutt emigrated to Ashdown Forest when he retired in the early 1960s, when he brought his remarkable talents to bear on the archaeology of the Sussex Weald; until his painstaking fieldwork was published the received view that that there was no prehistoric occupation in the Weald, but he demonstrated that the region had been widely settled before the Romans.

Latterly, in addition to his valuable work for the Sussex Archaeological Society, he became the moving spirit in the Wealden Iron Research Group, which has made a significant contribution to scholarship since its foundation.

Fred Tebbutt was a man of great charm and modesty, whose enquiring mind and readiness to help and encourage young archaeologists made him one of the best loved and most greatly admired field workers of his day.

MGR JOSEPH CALLANAN

The Right Rev Monsignor Canon Joseph Callanan, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark since 1979, died on January 20, aged 69.

Born on July 10, 1916, in County Kerry, he was the first Catholic to enter Dover Grammar School as a pupil. After seminary training he was ordained priest in June, 1941, and went to St Benet's Hall, Oxford, where he read history.

In 1944 he was appointed professor at St Joseph's College, the junior seminary at Mark Cross, where he taught until 1956.

The same year he became assistant to the Financial Secretary of the dioceses of Southwark, succeeding to the position in 1959. In 1979 he was appointed Chancellor and Vicar General.

His administrative skill, fairness and sense of humour endeared him to many within the diocese and outside.

He contributed to the work of many charitable societites and, having become a Chapter Canon in 1960, was appointed a Prelate of Honour by Pope John Paul II in 1980.

MR E. C. PETERS

Mr Eric Conrad Peters, who died on December 28, aged 82, was the only British amateur tennis player to beat the American champion, W. T. Tilden. It happened at Cannes in 1930 at the Carlton Club meeting. Shortly after Tilden had his revenge but only after five hard sets.

Peters won the Belgian Doubles championship in 1930 with H. K. Lester, and reached the final of the British Hard Courts championship, beating H. W. Austin and J. S. Olliff without loss of a set. The same year he captained an English team in South America. With his wife, Effie (Hemmant) a Surrey county player, he won King Gustav's Cup in 1932.

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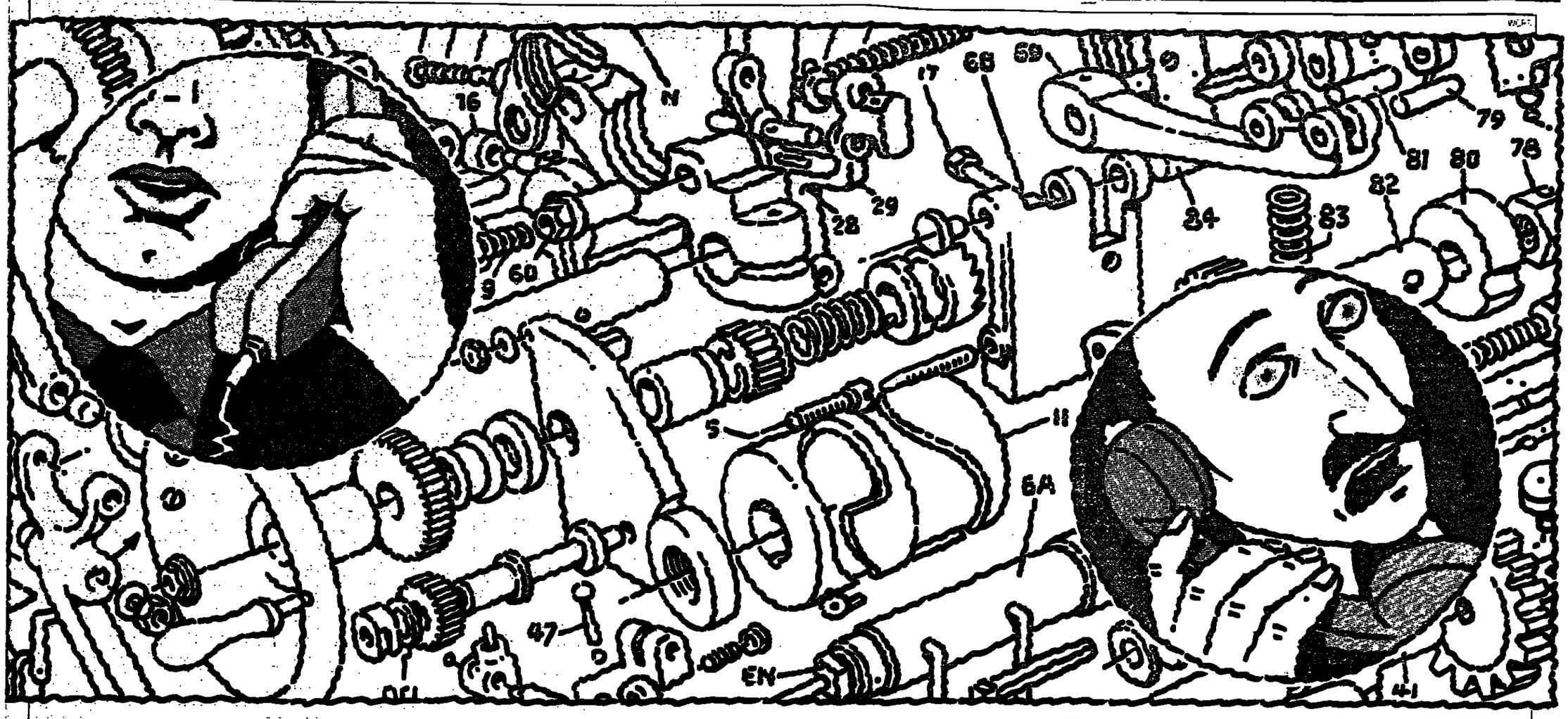

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323	193	Provident	321	-1	15.7	4.9	13.5
80	56	Rea Bros	78 ●	..	1.8	2.3	23.2
116	92	Rothschild (J) Hld	103 ●	..	6.5	6.3	12.3
21¼	15	Royl Bnk Of Can	£15¾ ●	-⅛	..	..	..
294	216	Royl Bnk Of Scot	270	-2	13.7	5.1	7.8
12½	7½	Schroders	£11½	-¼	28.4	2.2	18.7
70	33	Smith St Aubyn	35	-3	1.0	2.7	3.2
542	419	Stand Chart	434	-5	42.1	9.7	6.7
746	603	Union	618 ●	-5	52.9	8.6	8.0
143	56	Wesco	130	-1	5.0	3.8	17.7
61⅞	36⅝	Wells Fargo	£48⅞	-1⅛	..	..	..
280	220	Wintrust	225	..	6.9	3.0	14.3

BUILDING AND ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
240	172	Aberdeen Cons'n	220	-2	10.6	4.8	13.7
280	213	Amec	222	..	15.7	7.1	8.8
60	29	Amcliffe	54	..	0.1e	0.3	8.3
129	82	Attwoods	125 ●	..	5.7	4.4	11.8
383	208	BPB Industries	331 ●	-5	11.8	3.5	13.2
332	204	Baggeridge Brick	287	..	9.8	3.4	10.4
136	64	Barratt Devs	116	-4	10.9	9.4	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	24	..	0.4	1.5	4.8
151	113	Bellway	131 ●	+1	10.0	7.6	14.8
70	50	Benford Concrete	70	..	5.4	7.7	35.8
87	51	Bett Bros	71	-1	4.4	6.2	20.0
925	545	Blockleys	875	..	32.9	3.8	12.5
608	466	Blue Circle	541	-10	28.8	5.3	7.4
240	194	Breedon&Cloud Hill	238	+3	13.6	5.7	28.7
79	59	Brickhouse Dudley	77	..	4.9	6.4	13.1
80	55	Br Dredging	63	..	3.6	5.2	15.4
22	11	Brown&Jackson	17	..	..	..	11.7
83	55	Brownlee	58	-1	4.4	7.6	6.5
92	84	Bryant	85	-1	4.7	5.5	10.7
190	20	Burnett & Hallam	..	..	5.7	..	..
155	145	Cakebread Robey	150 ●	..	4.4	3.0	25.0
87½	50	Cement-Roadstone	87½ ●	..	3.0	3.4	..
70	42	Conder Grp	60	..	2.1	3.6	24.8
526	338	Costain	474	-2	22.1	4.7	10.0
335½	194	Countryside	304	-1	8.2	2.7	8.2
140	84	Crouch (Derek)	136	-2	7.9	5.8	29.8
118	60	Dew (George)	86	..	8.1	9.5	6.8
59	45	Douglas (RM)	84	..	2.5	3.0	14.9
71	56	Erith	83 ●	..	4.4	7.0	10.1
113	91	Feb	81	..	4.2	5.1	11.0
92	54	Do 'A'	56	..	4.2	7.2	7.9
96	63	Finlan Go	63	..	..	..	..
286	117	French Kier	285	..	8.8	3.1	12.0
88	64	Galliford	91	..	6.3	7.8	13.2
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	110	..	2.3	2.1	37.3
270	204	Gleeson (MJ)	256 ●	-1	7.7	3.0	8.9
119	89	HAT	95 ●	..	5.4	5.7	9.8
64	24	Helical Bar	56	..	..	..	11.4
49	33	Hewden-Stuart	48 ●	..	2.3	4.7	9.7
171	114	Heywood Williams	157	..	8.9	5.9	8.8
445	281	Higgs & Hill	431 ●	..	18.3	4.2	11.7
190	129	Ibstock Johnsen	133	-4	6.1	4.7	10.0
328	280	Jarvis (J) & Sons	273	..	25.0	9.2	9.4
348	199	Laing (J)	323	-5	8.9	3.0	9.5
348	136	Do 'A'	286	-3	8.9	3.1	9.1
99	67	Lawrence (Walter)	83 ●	-3	4.9	5.9	6.1
79	58	Lilley (FJC)	71	..	5.3	7.1	11.2
320	196	Lovell (YJ)	300	+2	10.0	3.3	11.0
160	104	Magnet & South	131	..	6.7	5.1	13.7
202	161	Mancers	181 ●	..	10.9	6.0	11.4
185	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	183	-2	7.1	4.4	12.1
107	74	May & Hassell	104	-1	5.4e	5.2	..
338	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	306	-1	16.1	5.3	10.4
193	112	Meyer Int	173 ●	-1	7.7	4.5	9.6
28	14	Miller (Stanley)	25	..	0.7	2.8	..
134	105	Monk (A)	111 ●	-2	9.3	8.4	15.0
348	198	Mowlem (John)	310	-4	19.6	6.3	20.9
865	600	Newarthill	800	-10	15.7	2.0	14.7
201	143	Nottingham Brick	201 ●	..	9.3	4.6	15.0
126	96	Persimmon	121	..	6.8	5.5	8.8
150	86	Phoenix Timber	87	..	4.3	4.9	3.3
305	180	Pochins	365 ●	..	18.4	6.0	6.6
508	342	RMC	470 ●	-2	18.9	4.0	10.5
281	255	Roberts Adlard	357 ●	..	15.5	4.3	13.1
177	93	Ruberoid	153	..	8.5	5.6	12.9
225	145	Rugby Cement	203	..	11.1	5.4	11.0
153	118	SGB	153 ●	-2½	8.9b	5.8	11.3
273	192	Sharpe & Fisher	232	-4	10.7	4.6	8.8
97	55	Smart (J)	55	..	3.2	3.4	14.9
79	53	Tarmac	71	..	6.2	6.7	15.0
408	338	Taylor Woodrow	348	-5	11.7	3.4	11.0
558	383	Tilbury Group	475	-5	21.4	4.5	12.9
198	108	Travis & Arnold	150	..	7.0	4.7	12.9
149	215	Trent	328	..	11.3e	3.4	11.7
115	87	Turriff	98	-1	1.5	1.7	10.6
343	143	Vibroplant	167	+3	10.0	6.0	30.8
213	155	Ward	213	..	12.9	6.0	9.3
258	128	Warrington (T)	247	..	9.6	3.9	12.7
55	58	Watts Blake	60	..	5.7e	9.5	6.9
230	173	Wettern Bros	178 ●	..	6.0	3.4	14.3
79	55	Wiggins	72	..	1.4e	2.0	14.4
48	28	Wilson (Connolly)	47	..	..	..	..
324	172	Wimpey (George)	314	..	4.5	1.4	15.4
142	97		138 ●	-5	4.6	3.4	12.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
42½	23⅝	AKZO N/V Bearer	£41½ ●	-1¼	400	9.6	..
256	121	Allied Colloids	175 ●	-3	3.3	1.9	18.3
383	273	Amersham	328 ●	-3	8.9	2.7	18.0
260	160	Anchor Chemical	180 ●	-2	6.1	3.4	6.7
117	78	BTP	106	..	..	..	..
86	51½	Bayer DM50	£80	+½	700	8.8	..
120	100	Blagden	110	-1	10.3	9.4	8.3
134	104	Brent Chems	115 ●	..	5.1	4.5	15.2
15	9½	Br Benzol	69	..	..	..	76.7
107	79	Canning (W)	83	..	5.1	6.1	12.3
275	224	Coalite	254 ●	-1	9.5	3.7	13.2
189	131	Coates Bros	142 ●	-1	6.6	4.6	8.5
168	112	Do 'A'	113 ●	+1	6.6	5.8	6.8
26	14	Cory (Horace)	16	..	0.7	4.4	5.4
151	116	Croda	129	-1	10.0	7.8	13.4
109	82	Do Dfd	101	-2	..	..	10.5
227	158	Ellis & Everard	178	..	8.8	4.9	15.8
258	175	Foseco-Minsep	236 ●	+4	11.8	5.1	9.2
132	66	Halstead (James)	113	-1	5.7	5.1	8.8
488	318	Hickson	360	+5	21.4	5.9	8.3
85½	51	Hoechst DM50	£80	+½	..	..	..
864	630	Imp Chem Ind	784	+13	44.3	5.6	7.7
368	278	Laporte	345	-5	10.5	3.0	17.5
131	84	Leigh	107 ●	+2	4.7	4.4	18.9
188	141	Plysu	181 ●	..	3.3	1.8	18.7
68	53	Reabrook Hldgs	64 ●	..	3.0	4.7	13.1
182	126	Rentokil	148	-3	3.2	2.2	20.1
248	94	SNIA BPD	245	-4	..	..	..
328	182	Wolstenholme Rink	206	-1	11.1	5.4	9.5
87	56	Yorkshire Chem	72	-1	2.5e	3.5	12.0

CINEMAS AND TV

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
184	120	Anglia TV 'A'	184	+4	12.9	7.0	12.9
54	26	Grampian	28	..	2.4	8.5	6.3
178	118	HTV N/V	178	..	11.0	6.2	8.1
301	219	LWT Hldgs	288 ●	+7	20.6	7.1	11.9
194	128	Scot TV 'A'	194 ●	+4	12.7	6.6	7.9
158	110	TVS N/V	158 ●	+2	8.6	5.4	9.2
33	23	TSW	32 ●	+½	2.4	7.6	8.8

DRAPERY AND STORES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
78	50½	Aquascutum 'A'	72½ ●	..	3.3	4.5	27.4
100	51½	Beattie (James) 'A'	81	..	3.0	3.8	13.2
151	60	Bentalls	141	-2	3.1	2.2	26.7
52	9	Blacks Leis	15½	..	..	..	..
66	48	Bremner	53	..	1.4	2.7	39.8
438	235	Br Home Stores	298	-4	11.0	3.7	18.2
565	220	Brown (N)	525 ●	..	13.9	2.7	28.8
625	402	Burton	466 ●	-4	12.6	2.5	17.1
114	63	Cantors 'A'	87	..	3.2	3.7	22.4
54	36	Casket (S)	44 ●	..	3.1	7.1	8.5
350	224	Church	305	..	20.7	6.8	10.3
180	87	Combined English	150	..	7.7	5.1	21.0
138	95	Courts (Furn) 'A'	118	..	6.7	5.6	7.8
90	67½	Dewhirst (IJ)	83	..	1.4	1.7	19.6
974	524	Dixons Grp	902	-17	9.1	1.0	25.2
386	271	Dunhill	348 ●	-3	6.1	1.8	17.6
81	56½	Ellis & Goldstein	73 ●	-2	3.3	4.5	10.0
650	380	Ellys (Wimbledon)	610 ●	..	12.9	2.1	30.6
172	92	Empire Stores	142	..	3.6	2.5	24.3
228	130	Etam	202	-4	4.8	2.3	21.8
46	27	Executex Clothes	39	..	..	..	7.2
139	72	Fine Art Dev	106 ●	-2	4.7	4.4	18.9
69	25½	Ford (Martin)	51	-1	0.1	0.1	..
186	143	Forminster	183 ●	..	8.6	4.7	9.4
392	182	Freemans	312	..	8.3	2.7	18.3
110	79½	Gelfer (AJ)	108	-2	7.4	6.3	10.8
154	60	Gent SR	88	-1	2.9	4.3	39.8
102	43	Goldberg (A)	90 ●	..	2.1	2.4	67.2
237	153	Goldsmiths Gp	178	..	10.7	6.0	12.5
394	152	Gratton	316	..	5.7	1.8	20.2
910⅛	684	GUS	870	-20	28.8	3.4	14.2
984	674	Do 'A'	726	-8	28.8	3.7	11.9
570	306	Habitat Mothercare	405 ●	-8	15.5	3.8	19.8
288	168	Harris Queensway	202 ●	-2	5.8	2.9	18.7
29½	22	Helene Of London	25	..	2.3e	8.2	8.1
34	21	Hollas	32	-1	3.0	9.4	13.3
368	240	Home Charm	240	-2	4.2	1.8	17.5
128	93	House Of Leroce	105	..	11.4	10.9	9.9
90	71½	Jones (Ernest)	76	..	5.8	7.7	16.4
38	21	Ladies Pride	28 ●	..	2.1	7.8	20.7
134	93	LCP	114 ●	..	6.0	5.3	19.5
176	100	Lee Cooper	170	-1	5.3	3.1	8.0
845	370	Liberty	810	..	10.0	1.2	37.8
190	142	Lincroft Kilgour	178	..	10.0	5.7	9.1
193	111	Marks & Spencer	185 ●	-3	5.1	3.1	23.7
336	218	Menzies (John)	293	-8	5.1	1.8	17.1
195	116	Milletts Leisure	190 ●	..	2.9	1.5	50.9
615	308	Moss Bros	570	..	7.4	1.3	40.9
132	94	NSS Newsagents	124 ●	-2	5.1	4.1	12.9
244	154	Next	190	-5	..	..	..
385	313	Oliver (G)	343	..	11.7	3.4	25.9
640	331	Our Price	520	..	7.1	1.4	32.8
63	33	Peters	59½	-½	0.5	0.8	22.5
97	56	Peters Stores	66	+2	1.4	2.1	32.5
118	99	Preedy (Alfred)	102 ●	..	5.5	5.4	19.2
131	66	Ratners (Jewellers)	121	-1	3.7	3.0	37.5
38½	23½	Raybeck	32	..	1.1	3.3	..
285	155	Reed (Austin)	225 ●	..	7.1	3.2	25.7
183	96	Do 'A'	137	-1	7.1	5.2	15.7
38	16	S & U Stores	34	..	..	..	28.1
185	118	Samuel (H)	183	-1	8.0	3.7	41.8
92	72	Do 'A'	180	-1	8.0	7.9	19.2
121⅛	78	Sears	114½ ●	..	4.4	3.9	15.1
335	200	Simpson (S) 'A'	305 ●	..	8.2	2.7	11.8
330	160	Smith (WH) 'A'	238	-8	7.1	3.0	16.2
64	31	Do 'B'	48	-1	1.4	3.0	18.4
79	44	Stanley (AG)	71	-2	3.5	5.0	19.8
109	58	Steinberg	98 ●	+1	3.5	3.6	14.2
85	28	Sumrie Clothes	35	-1	..	..	..
501	373	Superdrug Stores	413	-2	9.4	1.6	20.8
57	40	Tern-Consulate	48	..	2.9e	6.0	10.5
51½	27½	Time Products	67½ ●	..	2.5	4.3	12.0
196	180	Underwoods	180	-2	..	..	..
462	287	Vantona Viyella	438	+2	16.4	3.8	10.9
231	140	WW Group	173	..	11.3	6.6	6.5
338	203	Ward White	256	-4	8.5	3.3	14.9
148	98	Wigfalls	108	..	3.8e	3.5	..
810	277½	Woolworth	435	-11	12.9	3.0	18.7

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
557	175	AB Elec	238 ●	-2	11.4	4.8	17.8
204	63	Amstrad	190	-5	1.3	0.7	14.4
285	43	Apricot Computers	72	..	2.1	3.0	5.7
73	28	Arlen	74	..	..	..	..
333	185	Atlantic Comp	245	..	2.4	1.0	13.6
50	25	Audio Fidelity	53	..	..	..	16.5
203	133	Auto Sec	180	-6	1.9	1.3	10.9
373	185	BICC	280	-2	15.1	5.3	10.9
165	43	BSR	78	..	2.4b	3.1	5.2
464	306	Bowthorpe	379 ●	-3	8.2	2.2	18.3
208	104½	Br Telecom 90p P	180 ●	-2	5.9	5.5	11.6
97	70	Brown Boveri Kent	75 ●	..	3.6	4.8	10.3
31	10	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12½	-1	1.3	15.4	29.1
309	97	CASE	119 ●	-5	1.9	1.5	10.0
653	440	Cable & Wireless	585	-5	13.8	2.3	15.4
378	195	Cambridge Elec	255	-5	10.2	4.0	11.8
203	138	CAP Gp	198	-2	2.1b	1.1	..
53	26	Chloride	40	..	..	..	9.4
226	129	Do 7½% CPF	178	..	..	..	..
285	193	Comcap	210	-2	1.7	0.8	16.3
278	200	Cray Elect	181 ●	-3	4.2	1.6	29.8
240	95	Crystalate	161	-7	8.1	3.8	9.8
85	61	Dale Elect	65	..	6.4	9.8	22.7
180	97	Datasery	186	..	1.0	0.6	..
33	14	Dewhurst 'A'	33 ●	..	1.5	4.5	7.5
290	245	Domino	270	-3	2.5	0.9	31.4
48	31	Dowding & Mills	46	..	2.0	4.3	14.1
208	134	Dubilier	182 ●	-4	4.0	2.2	13.3
385	255	Electrocomponents	388 ●	-2	7.9	2.0	24.1
60	36	Electronic Mach	53	..	1.0	1.9	34.2
55	39	Electronic Rentals	42 ●	..	4.6	11.0	16.5
283	156	Emess Lighting	237	..	7.9	3.3	35.0
388	258	Eurotherm	315	-5	6.8	2.2	18.0
221	133	Farnell Elect	200	..	2.9	1.4	23.0
184	104	Ferranti	125 ●	-13	2.3	1.8	17.3
170	89	First Castle Elec	156	..	3.1	1.9	15.2
40	20	Forward Tech	28	..	..	..	13.1
220	150	GEC	160	-2	5.8	3.6	10.9
184	94	Grosvenor	95	-1	8.2	8.6	7.8
129	78	Highland Elect	97 ●	-2	3.5	3.6	12.4
148	130	IBL	143	..	1.1	1.2	17.9
353	243	Int Signal & Control	318	-4	1.0	0.3	..
200	130	Jones Stroud	195	..	10.7	5.5	9.2
215	85	Kode	95 ●	-5	7.1	7.5	8.1
341	218	Lec Refrigeration	238	-3	17.9	7.5	6.5
368½	98	Logica	157	..	1.4	1.1	13.7
328	220	MK Elect	280	-3	14.8	5.2	9.2
385	235	Memec	380	..	3.6	1.0	35.5
235	34	Micro BS	76 ●	..	2.5	3.3	12.0
970	100	Micro Focus	210	-10	..	..	..
98	33	Multitone Elec	36	..	4.0e	11.0	27.1
94	59	Murray Elect	60	..	0.1	0.2	..
45	15	Newman	32	-1	1.1	3.8	9.3
233	170	Newmark (Louis)	268	+8	18.5	8.9	12.2
90	76½	NEI	82½ ●	+1½	7.5	9.1	13.9
172	22	Oceonics	38	+2	1.1	2.8	7.7
408	238	Oxford Instruments	383	-3	2.0	0.5	20.6
56	43	Petbow	50	..	1.6e	3.1	18.3
44	24	Phicom	24 ●	..	1.6	6.5	6.7
151	95½	Philips Fin 5¾%	£149	-2	575	3.9	..
16⅛	10⅛	Philips Lamps N/V	£15⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
205	115	Pilco	190 ●	..	7.5	4.0	10.4
180	111½	Do 'A' Ltd Vtg	145	..	7.5	5.2	7.9
214	114	Plessey	174	-4	6.3	3.6	13.9
20⅞	13⅞	Do ADR 25	£16⅞	-½	..	..	..
166	65	Pressac	128	-2	3.1	2.5	18.7
80	33	Quest Automation	38	..	..	..	13.4
268	130	Racal Elect	170	-6	4.3	2.6	10.9
196	142	Rotaflex	163	..	6.7	4.1	10.1
503	382	Scholes (GH)	448 ●	..	28.6	6.4	10.1
88	71	Shorrock	77	..	2.1	2.8	16.6
140	21	Sound Diffusion	31½	..	0.6	1.9	6.1
289	72	STC	102	-1	..	..	5.2
197	137	Stone Intl	168	-1	6.5	3.9	10.5
119	74	System Designers	98 ●	-6	0.6	0.6	38.0
21⅞	10⅞	TDK	£14⅛	-⅛	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	173 ●	-3	10.0	5.8	12.5
400	89	Telemetrix	118 ●	-3	2.5	2.1	6.7
484	301	Thorn EMI	382	-10	25.0	6.5	13.7
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	170	-5	5.6	3.3	8.4
365	168	Tunstall Telecom	235 ●	..	2.4	1.0	16.2
224	158	UEI	216	-6	7.5	3.5	19.3
308	173	Unitech	223	-3	8.1	3.6	11.8
350	236	Utd Leasing	248 ●	-2	5.3	2.1	7.9
270	150	Utd Scientific	181 ●	-2	8.1	4.5	15.5
350	244	VG Instruments	329	-2	2.7	0.8	27.7
258	123	Volex	226 ●	-2	11.4	5.1	9.4
65	40	Western Selection	58 ●	..	3.9	6.7	13.6
103	58	Whitworth Elec	85	..	2.2	2.5	12.0
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	275	-5	9.6	3.5	14.1

FINANCE AND LAND

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	334	+1	1.8	0.8	..
193	125	Aitken Hume	163 ●	..	11.0	6.7	6.5
320	200	Antofagasta	310 ●	..	20.0	6.5	5.0
151	70	Berkley Tech	113	..	..	..	..
26½	17½	Camellia	£23	..	15	0.7	..
218	159	Candover	215	..	2.9	1.3	63.8
38	10	Centreway	16	..	..	..	..
20½	16½	Equity & Gen	17½ ●	..	1.3	7.4	7.9
213	120	Hambro	185	-1	10.0	5.4	28.5
193	91	Ivory & Sime	184 ●	..	8.1	3.7	28.6
173	114	Majedie	157	+3	8.9	5.7	22.5
47	37	Nat Home Loans	43	..	..	..	..
48½	38	Do 8%	£45	..	800	17.8	..

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FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
166	128	ASDA-MFI	132 ●	-4	4.1	3.1	18.6
27	18	Alpine Drinks	21 ●	..	2.6	12.2	..
375	253	Argyll	345	-5	7.7	2.8	21.1
270	194	AB Food	248 ●	-3	8.0	3.2	11.9
138	98	Assoc Fisheries	126	-2	3.9	3.1	16.7
679	569	Avana	567	..	16.9	3.0	17.4
280	195	Banks (Sidney C)	240	..	14.6	6.1	7.1
13½	7	Barker & Dobson	12	-½	..	..	..
278	183	Barr (AG)	276	+3	12.1	4.4	7.8
205	133	Bassett Foods	146 ●	..	9.7	6.7	8.4
128	85½	Batleys	98 ●	-2	3.0	3.1	11.6
195	140	Bejam	155 ●	-1	5.4	3.5	19.5
128	60	Bluebird Conf	75 ●	..	7.4	9.9	21.3
87	37½	Br Vending (BVI)	54	-4	1.7	3.1	12.3
177	131	Cadbury-Schwepp	154	..	8.4	5.5	10.4
180	108	Carrs Milling	168 ●	..	8.6	5.1	9.3
170	130	Cliffords Dairies	160	..	9.6	6.0	12.0
160	115	Do 'A'	154	..	9.6	6.2	11.5
315	119	Cullens	290	-2	9.1	4.1	24.2
285	149	Dee	235	-1	3.2	2.0	21.2
182	94	Fisher (Albert)	157	-1	13.9	3.1	19.8
272	193	Fitch Lovell	282	+2	4.9b	2.0	20.4
313	220	Glass Glover	243	+2	11.4b	1.5	25.1
848	548	Hazlewood Foods	773 ●	+5	4.1	2.4	15.5
203	180	Hillards	178	..	5.3	2.9	21.1
143	52	Hillsdown Hldgs	183	-2	4.8	5.9	8.3
85	26	Home Farm	80	..	8.6	1.7	35.7
612	389	Iceland Frozen	514	-3	8.9	3.1	16.3
244	170	Kwik Save	222	-2	3.1	2.5	12.6
88	47½	Lees (John J)	63	..	4.3	7.8	39.9
60	47	Lovell (GF)	55	..	1.7	3.3	16.4
538	498	Low (Wm)	520	..	11.1	2.2	23.9
270	254	Matthews (Bernard)	505	-5	7.5	6.6	17.2
113	76½	Meat Trade Supp	113	..	1.7	1.1	22.6
168	94	Morrison (W)	150	..	7.1	4.4	12.2
165	66	Needlers	153	-5	7.9	3.6	17.4
270	187	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	220	+½	2.6	3.6	15.9
83	67½	Normans	72 ●	..	10.4	3.7	15.0
304	204	Nthn Foods	278 ●	..	5.2	3.4	14.4
170	103	Nurdin & Peacock	152	..	5.4	4.1	13.3
137	105	Park Foods	131	..	7.6	4.7	11.0
187	122	RHM	162 ●	-1	15.3	4.2	11.1
447	340	Rowntree Mac	390 ●	-8	6.8	2.0	22.1
390	286	Sainsbury (J)	346	-2	4.1	3.3	15.2
145	117	Salvesen (Chris)	123 ●	-1	..	..	..
186	20	Somportex	186	+12	..	..	..
591	418	Tate & Lyle	535 ●	..	31.4	6.0	10.7
303	219	Tesco	288 ●	-5	7.4	2.6	18.8
240	194	Unigate	224	-1	13.4	5.5	14.8
293	164	Utd Biscuits	231	-3	10.9	4.7	12.8
158	90	Watson & Philip	142	..	8.3	5.8	16.7

HOTELS AND CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
413	275	Grand Met	373	-7	14.3	3.3	10.7
246	166	Kennedy Brookes	226	-6	1.7	0.8	13.3
332	241	Ladbroke	318	+3	15.0	4.7	13.2
485	348	Ldn Park Hotels	447 ●	..	11.0b	2.5	51.1
96	77	Mount Charlotte	89½	..	1.8	2.1	16.0
112	68	Prince Of W Hotels	66 ●	-½	2.1	3.1	12.3
68	48½	Queens Moat	58½	-1	2.2b	3.7	16.3
415	353	Savoy Hotels 'A'	378	..	3.6	0.9	18.9
78	29	Stakis	57	-2	1.7	3.0	13.6
169	119	Trusthouse Forte	147	-1	7.8	5.3	14.5

INDUSTRIALS A – D

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
197	118	AAH	196	-7	9.7	4.9	15.6
257	182	AGB Research	222	..	9.6	4.8	21.7
128	93	AIM	99	..	8.2	8.3	11.2
301	218	APV	248	..	15.1	6.5	28.4
112	71	Aaronson	85	-1	6.0	7.1	10.2
222	148	Acwest	174	..	11.1	6.4	11.1
145	136	Alexandra W'wear	240	..	7.1	3.0	16.5
370	86	Amber Ind	130 ●	..	9.7	7.5	9.5
42	24	Appledore	317	..	8.6	2.7	17.0
28½	15½	Aranson	38	..	..	..	7.3
425	325	Armour	25 ●	-1	0.3	1.2	12.9
86	14	Ash & Lacey	358	..	28.6	8.0	11.0
303	165	Ashley	85	+2	..	..	50.9
406	303	Ass Br Eng 8%	278	-10	11.4	4.1	..
45	15½	Assoc Heat	383 ●	-3	16.7	4.4	18.6
345	218	Aurora	41	+1	1.1b	2.6	11.7
73	25	Avon Rubber	283 ●	..	8.1	2.9	9.3
155	52	Ayrshire Metal	69	-1	2.1	3.1	18.6
393	278	BBA	155	-½	1.5	1.5	..
87	59	BET Dfd	371	..	21.8	5.8	15.1
328	248	BETEC	98 ●	..	2.1	3.1	8.8
403	295	BOC	294	-1	13.4	4.7	10.8
197	118	BTR	335	..	10.5	2.7	22.1
30½	13½	Babcock	186	..	11.9	7.1	9.3
443	325	Bailey (CH)	24½	-½	..	..	29.3
226	160	Baird (Wm)	421 ●	..	26.0b	6.2	9.9
148	54	Baker Perkins	220 ●	-2	10.2	4.6	9.3
122	112	Banro Ind	148	+3	7.9	5.3	17.1
485	160	Barlow Rand	119	..	2.9	2.4	18.0
47	36	Barrow Hepburn	340	-7	..	..	..
210	130	Barton Transport	43	..	3.4	8.0	13.2
61	23	Baynes (Charles)	120	..	25.7	14.3	5.5
184	138	Beatson Clarke	30 ●	-2	2.2	7.4	60.0
97	66	Beauford	146 ●	..	8.3	5.5	6.9
391	275	Beecham	94 ●	..	6.8	7.2	6.5
		Bellair Cosmetics	366 ●	+25	16.1	4.4	15.2
45	18	Benlox	21	..	..	..	..
190	132	Berisford (S&W)	134	-1	1.6	7.5	11.6
116	73	Bertsfords	83 ●	-1	15.0	11.2	4.1
327	100	Bespak	112 ●	-6	7.5	8.5	8.5
345	204	Bestobell	224	+5	6.1	5.4	8.4
438	129	Bestwood	215	-5	..	..	11.7
32	15	Bevan (DF)	28	-½	8.6b	2.7	39.6
274	220	Bibby (J)	265 ●	..	1.8	5.4	6.8
183	135	Biddle	143 ●	..	9.6	3.6	16.2
103	61	Billam (J)	76 ●	..	14.3	10.0	7.1
93	80	Birmid Qualcast	90	+½	4.0	5.3	4.9
128	102½	Birmingham Mint	116	..	4.8	6.3	7.3
170	75	Black Arrow	157 ●	-2	8.6	7.4	11.9
243	190	Black (Peter)	208	-8	6.4	4.1	13.2
41	22	Blackwood Hodge	38	-1	2.4	1.2	13.8
205	90	Blundell-Perm	201	-2	..	..	15.7
166	79	Bodycote	180	-1	10.0e	5.0	21.9
308	223	Booker McConnell	270	-3	8.6	4.8	9.0
274	160	Boots	245	-3	16.4	6.1	11.3
	10½	Boulton (Wm)	9½	-½	9.3	4.1	15.6
308	214	Bowater	268	-2	..	..	..
24⅝	15	Bowater Inc	£17⅝	-¼	12.5	4.7	9.9
138	75	Braithwaite Grp	78	..	..	..	..
412	277	Brammer	303	-7	13.0e	17.1	..
72	38	Brasway	62 ●	..	17.9	5.9	18.5
57	38	Brengreen	35 ●	..	3.2	5.2	9.0
34	28	Bridgend Gp	38	..	2.1	5.9	11.1
150	97	Bridon	124	-2	..	..	..
154	99½	Bridport-Gundry	151	..	6.1	5.0	9.8
166	115	Br Elcg & Eng Appl	115 ●	..	7.1	4.7	11.8
176	114	Br Steam	172 ●	..	0.9	0.8	60.5
148	77	Br Syphon	98	..	9.6	6.6	17.8
202	153	Br Vita	198	..	3.8	3.9	25.1
456	273	Broken Hill	446	-10	3.3	4.7	8.2
42	16	Bromsgrove Inds	39 ●	+1	..	..	..
19	10½	Bronx Eng	16	..	1.6	4.0	8.6
32	22	Brooke Tool	29½	..	0.7	4.4	..
171	121	Brown & Tawse	168 ●	+2	1.8	6.1	4.8
38	21	Brown (John)	21	-1	9.6	5.8	11.0
78	50	Bruntons (Musl)	58	..	..	..	..
203	184	Bullough	202	..	4.3	7.4	13.0
172	110	Burgess	140	..	10.1b	5.0	11.5
71	38	Burns-Anderson	60½ ●	-1	2.9	1.0	13.3
61	28	Camford Eng	61	-2	3.8	6.4	13.1
38	25½	Caparo Ind	25½	-½	1.5e	2.5	10.4
65	33	Cape Ind	62	-1	2.4	9.3	10.4
295	189	Cardo Eng	283 ●	..	..	..	4.3
83	39	Castings	58 ●	..	17.9b	6.8	6.3
32½	20	Celestion	25½	..	3.8	6.5	8.7
11	4½	Central & Sheer	5½	..	1.4	5.6	12.9
27	10	Centreway Ind	13	..	..	..	11.0
60	40	CH Ind	48 ●	+1	..	..	25.0
85½	65½	Chamberlain Ph	69½ ●	-½	3.1	6.4	11.6
					5.5	7.9	8.9

INDUSTRIALS (continued)

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	48	Chamberlin & Hill	69 ●	..	6.0	7.2	7.3
218	186	Charter Cons	206	..	15.7	7.8	41.3
559	401	Chemring	558 ●	..	19.3	3.5	12.2
325	208	Christies Int	283	-2	7.9	2.8	14.7
33	31	Christy Hunt	40	..	..	..	11.3
140	73	Clarke (Clement)	134 ●	..	6.5	4.8	20.7
145	62	Clayton Son	100 ●	..	10.7	10.7	7.8
530	380	Cohen (A)	380	..	15.4	4.1	7.2
159	102	Coloroll Gp	155	-1	8.5	4.2	14.0
38	7	Combined Tech	12	-½	..	..	..
38	61	Concentric	78 ●	..	5.3	6.8	10.7
29	20	Cont Stationery	27	..	2.5	9.3	6.8
82	52	Cook (Wm)	82 ●	..	4.9	5.9	13.7
286	230½	Cookson	373	+7	9.3	2.6	9.9
259	135	Cope Allman	248 ●	..	10.0	4.0	11.5
70	22	Copson (F)	34	..	2.1	6.3	19.1
74½	55	Cosalt	69 ●	+1½	3.9	5.7	10.7
385	210	Courtney Pope	345	..	12.1	3.5	11.0
45	31	Cowan De Groot	45	-2	2.8	6.4	20.1
138	80	Crest Nicholson	124	..	5.9n	4.8	10.4
170	129	Crown House	166 ●	..	11.1	7.1	9.0
257½	148½	Cummins 3⅞%	£188½	..	375	2.0	..
43	22	DSC	33	-1	0.7e	2.2	..
483	350	DPCE	430 ●	..	4.3	1.0	31.3
252½	193½	Dalgety	218	+5	17.9	8.2	8.3
23⅛	15⅛	Dana	£20⅞ ●	+⅛	..	..	..
68	23	Davies & Met 'A'	48 ●	..	3.2	6.6	5.7
188	133	Davies & Newman	180	+2	13.4	7.4	9.1
127	81	Davy	93	-2	5.3	5.7	10.1
930	715	De La Rue	770	-5	42.9	5.6	9.5
187	105½	Delta	174	-1	7.2	4.1	11.4
208	106	Derritend Stamping	201 ●	..	9.3	4.6	7.9
200	132	Desoutter	190 ●	-3	9.7	5.1	17.9
19½	10½	Dinkie Heel	19 ●	..	0.8	4.2	17.0
238	158	Diploma	275 ●	-5	7.5	2.7	10.2
92	68	Dobson Park	83½ ●	-1	7.4	8.9	11.1
115	73	Dom	100	..	7.1	7.1	7.7
118	74	Dominion Int	102 ●	-2	7.8	7.4	32.2
60	35	Dulay Bitumastic	56	..	2.6	4.6	16.0
61½	26	Duport	58½	..	2.6	4.4	12.9
30	12	Dwek	25	..	..	..	20.9
88	66	Dyson (J&J)	86	+5	5.7	6.6	19.7
87	64	Do 'A'	81	-4	5.7	7.0	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
295	263	Eastern Prod	300	+4	14.3	4.8	3.1
171	108	Edbro	163 ●	..	10.0	6.1	7.0
240	148	EIS	221	-½	8.9	4.0	13.4
36	27½	Elbief	31½	..	2.5	7.8	13.4
119	85	Eleco	107 ●	..	5.3	4.9	11.8
31⅛	12⅛	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	£19½	-½	..	..	..
87	51	Elliott (B)	52 ●	-1	2.9	5.5	15.3
29⅛	18⅛	Embart	£22⅛ ●	+⅛	13.8	6.2	..
306	216	English China Clay	269	..	15.7	5.8	10.7
30	16½	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	£20⅛	-½	9.0	0.4	..
150	78	Erskine House	148 ●	..	4.0	2.7	20.2
163½	115	European Ferries	141	-1	6.1	4.4	9.6
183	101	Do 5% Prf	121	-3	7.1	5.9	..
270	138	Evered	188	..	4.8	2.5	16.4
140	104	Evode	114	+1	4.6	4.0	12.8
126	90	Expamet Int	135	..	7.6	5.7	17.7
363	272	Extel	348	-5	9.6	2.8	20.5
42	23	Falcon	25	..	1.4	5.7	8.4
37	25	Feedex Agric Ind	29 ●	..	1.4	4.9	51.8
150	112	Fenner (JH)	112 ●	-7	7.1	6.4	17.5
135	60	Fife Indmar	60	..	5.0b	8.3	6.2
455	250	Flooms	423 ●	+2	6.9	1.6	22.6
47	32	Fitzwilton	40	-4	1.0	2.5	..
112	66	Flexello C&W	105 ●	..	5.4	5.1	7.8
46	20	Fobel	31½	-5	0.6	1.8	3.7
115	55	Fogarty	101 ●	-1	5.7	5.7	36.8
30½	20½	Folkes Group N/V	30	-½	1.9	6.2	8.8
172	135	Fothergill & Harvey	165	-1	11.8	7.1	14.8
89	43	French (Thomas)	56	-4	4.1	7.3	12.9
112	84	GEI Int	84 ●	-3	8.4	10.0	12.5
235	188	GKN	283 ●	-2	15.7	5.6	11.2
290	200	GR	280 ●	..	10.0	3.6	7.7
74	55	Garton Eng	61	+1	4.3	7.0	8.5
121	93	Gestetner	104 ●	+1	2.1	2.1	9.8
174	84	Glaxo	124 ●	+1	4.3b	3.5	17.0
16⅞	10⅛		£16⅞	+⅛	28.6	1.7	22.0
259	154	Glynwed	259	+1	13.9	5.4	14.8
83	30	Gomme	83	..	2.9	3.4	6.7
640	433	Goring Kerr	480	+5	15.0	3.3	17.6
170	25	Grampian Hldgs	166	..	7.9	4.7	21.7
242	146	Granada	212	-18	10.1	4.8	16.8
15½	8	Greenall	8½	-1	0.7	8.6	4.6
70½	39	Halal Precision	59½	-½	2.3b	3.8	13.2
160	114	Hall Eng	140 ●	+2	11.2	8.0	9.1
182	110	Hall (M)	140 ●	-2	6.8n	4.9	10.7
230	123	Halite	208	..	12.9	6.2	14.7
343	155	Halma	231 ●	-4	2.2	0.9	34.9
34	19½	Hampson Ind	27½	..	1.3b	6.2	10.1
62	25	Hanimex	44	+1	..	..	..
233½	178	Hanson	193 ●	-1	6.2	3.2	12.9
190½	125	Do 8% Cnv	£146	-1	800	5.5	..
110½	96½	Do 5.75%	99½	-½	8.2	8.3	..
140	82	Hargreaves	125 ●	..	7.0	5.2	15.4
190	170	Harris (Philip)	163 ●	..	12.1	6.6	17.5
457	359	Hawker Siddeley	437	-4	17.4	4.0	9.8
114	68	Hawley	108 ●	+2	2.7	2.5	9.5
119	73	Hay (Norman)	118	..	5.4	4.5	16.3
172	120	Hepworth Ceramic	153	+2	9.3	6.4	10.9
128	55	Hestair	103 ●	-3	5.1	5.0	43.5
92	54	Hewitt (J)	73	..	3.4	4.7	9.7
140	85	Highgate & Job	140	..	..	..	27.1
85	62	Hill & Smith	75	..	..	..	37.7
57	32	Holt Lloyd	68 ●	-1	5.4	7.8	9.9
174	100	Hopkinsons	158	-2	8.8	5.6	10.4
15	7	Howard Machinery	92½	-1	..	..	..
104	67	Howden	..	..	4.8	5.2	9.3
14½	8½	Hudson Bay	£11½	..	59.0	5.2	..
285	105	Hunting Assoc	242 ●	-2	10.7	4.4	8.8
165	80	Hunting Group	88	+3	8.6	9.7	19.2
205½	201	Hutchison Whampoa	250	+6½	..	..	..
154	95	IMI	121	-2	6.7	5.5	10.3
285	190	Isotron	219	..	1.8	0.8	40.6
310	205	Jacksons Bourne	288 ●	-2	8.6	3.0	16.1
132½	83	Jardine Math	120½	+3½	..	..	..
478	433	Johnson Cleaners	476	-3	28.0	5.9	13.9
193	83	Johnson Matthey	143	..	0.7	0.5	18.3
35	11½	Johnson & FB	29½	..	..	..	11.8
250	160	Johnston	235 ●	+1	10.4	4.4	14.9
79	41	Jones & Shipman	67	-2	4.1	6.2	8.7
148	114	Jourdan (Thomas)	143	..	9.5	6.6	10.8
36	22	Kalamazoo	24	..	2.9	11.9	8.0
39½	22½	Kalon	25½	..	1.7	6.5	18.9
179	163	Kelsey Ind	190	..	11.4	6.0	4.7
135	78	Kennedy Smale	110 ●	..	2.0b	1.8	18.3
238	230	Kershaw (A)	233 ●	-2	21.4	9.2	16.8
208	155	Kitchen (Rbt Taylor)	208 ●	..	15.7	7.6	9.2
143	83	Kleen-E-Ze	143	..	7.1	5.0	30.7

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
30	13	LDH	29	..	0.5	1.7	17.5
273	196	Lep	255	..	6.8	2.7	23.5
175	140	Laird	228	+2	8.0	3.5	10.3
174	68	Lamont	147	..	5.1	3.5	10.3
54	24½	Lawtex	47	+1	2.1	4.6	4.9
51	24½	Lee (Arthur)	43 ●	-½	3.0	7.0	5.8
44	26	Lifecare	38 ●	-1	..	..	27.1
83	62	Lilleshall	71	..	2.9	4.0	11.5
81	72	Linread	79	..	2.9b	3.6	..
72	25	Lloyd (FH)	64	-1	3.6	5.6	18.5
37	20½	Locker (T)	25	..	1.9	7.2	8.8
232	179	Lon Midland	194 ●	-2	14.2	7.3	12.9
158	83	Do Dfd	108 ●	-3	..	..	..
85	56	Lon & Nthn	59½ ●	-2	7.4b	12.4	5.3
170	68	Lon Ind	189 ●	+2	5.9	3.5	..
160	88	Longton Ind	160 ●	+4	4.3	2.7	20.9
369	157	Low & Bonar	350	-1	12.9b	3.7	11.7
350	221	ML Hldgs	313	+3	11.0b	3.5	17.8
74	35	MS Int	71	..	0.7	1.0	10.2
37½	22½	MY Dart	33½ ●	..	1.2	3.6	39.0
263	144	Macarthys Pharm	271	+1	13.6	5.0	18.8
130	87½	Macfarlane	129	..	3.2	2.5	21.2
47	34	Macellan (P&W)	43 ●	..	2.6	6.0	9.6
214	112	McKechnie	204	-9	11.4	5.6	14.4
88	45	Magnolia	78	..	3.9	5.0	11.2
588	206	Manchester Ship	535	-5	7.9e	1.5	23.8
68	51	Manganese Bronze	59	-2	4.3	8.1	8.2
132	70½	Marley	102	-2	5.4	5.3	12.6
107	51½	Marling	81 ●	..	2.3	2.8	9.8
85	45	Marshall (Loxley)	72	..	4.3	6.0	11.2
84	37	Do 'A'	70	+1	4.3	6.1	16.9
71	53	Marshalls Univ	69	..	2.9	4.1	17.1
388	285	Martonair	363	..	15.7	4.3	12.9
593	376	Metal Box	569	-8	24.8	4.3	8.8
172	106	Metal Closures	138	-8	9.6	7.0	8.5
71	50	Metalrax	63	..	3.4b	5.4	11.3
85	55	Mitchell Cotts	65½ ●	-½	6.1	9.3	6.6
84	55	Mitchell Somers	70	-2	5.0	7.1	13.0
188	135	Molins	163	-3	11.3e	6.9	10.3
234	187	Morgan Crucible	225	..	12.1n	5.4	13.2
130	88	Moss (Robert)	104	-2	4.4	4.3	11.6
24	9	Neepsend	22	..	0.1	0.6	11.4
185	119	Neill (J)	164	..	10.0	6.1	6.9
144	74	Newman Tonks	135	+40	7.7b	5.7	13.4
59	26	Nolton	54 ●	-2	1.4	2.5	60.7
217	147	Norcros	186 ●	-4	12.6	6.8	9.4
253	143	Office Elect Mach	205	..	11.4	5.6	11.4
259	165	Parker Knoll 'A'	247	..	13.6	5.5	9.0
238	123	Park Place	228	..	..	..	..
595	285	Parrish JT	530	..	..	..	..
435	288	Pearson	405	-5	13.9	3.4	14.0
31	11	Peek	13	..	..	..	31.0
93	72	Peerless	88	..	9.0	10.2	9.0
348	256	Pegler-Hattersley	340 ●	-4	21.4	6.3	10.1
360	99	Pentland Ind	305	..	1.5	0.5	28.5
850	450	Photo-Me	813	..	7.5	0.9	21.1
345	248	Pilkington	335 ●	-5	17.9	5.3	7.6
68	48	Plastic Constr	58	..	3.6	6.6	12.5
650	480	Portals	620	+5	27.9	4.5	12.7
300	103	Porter Chadburn	251	..	1.5	0.6	..
310	238	Powell Duffryn	238 ●	-4	21.7	9.1	12.8
135	39	Prestwich Hldgs	100	-2	0.8	0.8	21.7
99	58½	Pritchard Serv	89	+2½	5.4	7.9	8.0
103½	79½	RFD	100	..	5.6	5.6	12.3
134	78	RHP	131 ●	-1½	6.1	4.6	9.8
133	72	Redman Metal	129 ●	..	3.6	2.8	..
464	268	Rank Org	424	-8	18.1	4.3	21.7
133	55	Ransome Sims	125	..	6.1	4.9	10.1
145	100	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	118	..	5.0	4.2	4.3
553	475	Reckitt & Colman	828	+13	21.1	3.4	15.4
130	66	Redfearn Glass	129 ●	-2	2.8	2.2	7.6
215	129	Read Executive	200 ●	..	5.0	2.5	16.8
742	528	Reed Int	654	..	27.5	4.2	11.7
160	83	Relyon	133	-3	6.4	4.8	10.2
88½	45	Renold	58½	..	1.0	1.7	8.5
120	86	Rexmore	90	-4	5.7	6.3	13.9
400	270	Reuters	380	-1	3.9	1.0	34.9
26½	18	Rexmore	21½ ●	-½	1.4b	6.7	8.5
118	87	Ricardo Eng	113	..	3.9	3.5	12.3
65	35	Richards (Leics)	61	..	1.4	2.3	5.0
28	18	Richardson West	19½	..	..	..	8.9
159	105	Robertson Res	144 ●	..	3.1	2.2	22.4
163	37	Robinson (Thomas)	180	-3	..	..	18.5
58	30	Rockware	34	..	..	..	3.1
193	126	Ropner	138	..	9.8	6.7	8.2
190	126	Do 'A'	138	..	9.3	6.7	8.1
9	3	Rotaprint	3½	..	..	..	1.7
137	105	Rotork	117	..	6.5	5.9	5.8
118	83	Russell (A)	118 ●	..	2.0	1.7	63.8

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
47	16	SI	21	..	2.3e	10.9	4.5
265	121	Sale Tilney	226 ●	..	7.8	3.4	14.3
73	57	Sandhurst	69	..	1.7	2.6	17.1
58	43	Saville Gordon (J)	55	+3	3.3	6.1	12.9
502	356	Scapa	385	+7	16.1	4.2	8.8
118	86	Scott Greenham	107	..	4.3	4.0	14.9
130	60	Scott Heritable	124 ●	..	4.0	3.2	12.6
115	89	Scott & Robertson	94 ●	..	3.6	3.8	12.6
164	109½	Securicor	164	..	1.9	1.1	26.2
164	110	Do 'A'	154	..	1.9	1.2	24.6
165	116½	Security Serv	157	+3	3.3	2.1	21.9
34	16	Senior Eng	29½	+½	2.3	7.7	12.1
99	38	Sirdar	91 ●	+5	3.2	3.5	8.1
182	123	Sidlaw	136 ●	..	12.9	9.5	8.4
723	419	Siebe	718	..	17.5	2.4	18.0
43	26	Silentnight	32	..	3.8e	12.3	10.4
250	182	Simon Eng	185	..	11.4	6.3	8.8
110½	83½	Sir Hundred	84	+½	7.9	9.4	7.6
418	320	Sketchley	391 ●	-1	22.4	5.7	19.2
33	31½	SKF 'B'	328	+½	..	..	..
219	164	Smith & Nephew	194	+2	5.8	3.0	19.5
44	28	Smith Whitworth	33	..	0.4	1.1	22.3
242	181	Smiths Ind	229 ●	..	6.4	2.8	17.8
84	38	Sparrow (GW)	77	..	1.1	1.4	90.6
188	93	Spear (JW)	185	+2	5.7	3.5	15.0
276	130	Spear & Jackson	254	..	8.6	3.2	11.6
138	35	Spencer Clark	138 ●	+2½	4.3	3.1	6.0
184	122	Spirax-Sarco	134	-2	6.7	5.0	10.8
102	59	Staffs Potteries	72	..	4.3	6.0	7.3
103	50	Stag Furniture	91 ●	..	3.9	4.3	..
119	79	Standard Fireworks	88	+1	5.5	6.2	6.9
63	28	Star Comp	45	..	..	..	20.2
320	262	Staveley	375	-3	23.6	6.3	10.4
395	285	Steetley	390	-3	17.9	5.0	11.8
100	58	Sterling Ind	98 ●	..	3.3	3.4	32.1
188	130	Stocklake	188	+1	17.1	9.2	4.0
120	87	Stonehill	94	-3	8.6	9.1	9.8
210	115	Stothert & Pitt	181	-2	..	..	5.3

INDUSTRIALS (continued)

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
243	178	Sunlight Serv	187 ●	-1	12.9	6.9	9.0
52	24	Sutcliffe Speakman	38	-1	..	..	36.2
199	112	Suter	181	+1	6.0	3.3	17.1
303	207½	Swire Pacific 'A'	278	+6	..	..	..
25	6	Sycamore	15	..	..	..	..
240	180	Syltone	210 ●	-3	14.3	6.8	8.4
422	206	TI	383	+2	14.3	3.7	17.9
147	97	TNT	142	+2	..	..	..
320	94	TSL Thermal	213	+3	4.3	2.0	10.9
531½	331	Taco	415	+15	9.5	2.3	19.4
35½	21½	Takeda Chem	£35½	+½	..	..	..
9	5½	Talbex	67	-½	0.3	4.9	8.8
78½	44	Telfos	70	+1	3.9b	5.5	13.2
130	60	Tex Hldgs	128 ●	-2	6.1b	4.7	13.5
95	65	Third Mile	93 ●	..	2.9	3.1	14.0
138	35	Thomson T-line	121 ●	-5	..	..	..
148	104	Tiphook	146	..	6.3	3.7	20.0
248	137	Tomkins (FH)	203	-3	3.5	1.7	25.4
400	308	Trafalgar House	312	-2	18.4	5.3	8.5
231	156	Transcontinental	202	-1	9.6	4.7	14.9
133	105½	Transport Dev	131½	-1½	8.1	6.2	11.8
16	7½	Tranwood	10½	-½	..	..	13.1
68	38	Triefus	88	..	0.1e	0.1	..
89½	29½	Triplex	79	..	2.9b	3.6	12.1
134	81	Turner & Newall	130	-4	4.1	3.1	6.0
144	94	UKO	99 ●	-1	7.1	7.2	4.8
120	20	Unigroup	55	+6	1.6n	1.7	21.2
14⅛	9¼	Unilever	£13½ ●	..	50.9	3.8	12.7
82¾	44⅞	Unilever (NV)	£80⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
233	164	Valor	222	..	8.7	3.0	11.2
340	210	Vickers	313	-5	15.7	5.0	11.6
140	78	Victor Products	110	..	6.6	6.0	11.6
206	101	Vinten	171	-2	4.5b	2.8	29.7
160⅜	53⅞	Volkswagen	£145⅞	-4	..	..	..
305	142	Vosper	229	+2	..	..	9.9
86	30	WSL	138	..	..	..	..
174	110	Wade Potteries	181	-5	4.3	3.2	13.5
170	98	Wadkin	158	-2	2.1	1.3	..
163	125	Wagon Ind	77½	..	11.1e	7.0	12.0
78	34½	Waterford Glass	178	+3	1.9	2.4	..
195	153	Watmoughs	236 ●	+3	4.3	2.4	23.9
258	81	Watson (R Kelvin)	251	-6	2.3	0.9	30.0
264	180½	Wedgwood	69	..	10.7	4.3	11.9
84	40	Weir	15	..	4.1b	6.0	11.9
16	9	Wellman	123	+26	..	..	..
153	58	Westland	81	-1	..	..	42.7
88	68	Westa	215	..	7.9	9.7	11.2
285	165	Whatman Reeve	92 ●	..	3.1	1.4	19.4
112	84	Whessoe	178 ●	..	7.9	8.5	8.1
196	138	Whitecroft	175	..	11.3	6.3	9.5
224	128	Wilkes(James)	416	-6	9.4	5.4	12.1
418	168	Williams Hldgs	145	..	10.0	2.4	21.2
188	126	Wills Gp	425 ●	..	11.4	7.9	41.6
464	137	Wolseley-Hughes	56	-2	12.6	2.3	12.7
91	48	Wood (Arthur)	36	..	5.0	8.9	4.3
40	18	Wood (SW)	47½	+2½	1.4	4.0	12.8
47½	15	Woodhouse & Rix	84	..	2.9	6.0	13.2
88	68	Wyndham Eng	503 ●	..	2.1	2.5	16.7
513	370	Yarrow	140	..	17.1	3.4	23.1
143	88	Young (H)		..	3.9	2.8	14.1

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
251	185	Abbey Life	194	-4	9.4	4.9	..
28⅜	18⅜	Alex & Alex	£22⅜	+⅛	100	4.3	..
28⅜	19½	Am Gen	£25⅛	..	89.0	3.5	..
235	180	Bradstock	220	+2	7.9	3.4	15.9
837	593	Britannic	814	+2	37.9	4.7	..
261	174	Com Union	235	-2	16.9	7.2	..
293	208	Equity & Law	245 ●	-3	8.0	3.3	..
316	104	FAI	316 ●	+8	..	..	..
758	503	Gen Accident	713	-3	28.6	4.0	17.9
837	618	GRE	745	-1	37.9	5.1	21.5
723	548	Heath C E	665 ●	..	31.4	4.7	10.2
300	217	Hogg Robinson	286 ●	-2	13.4	4.7	13.6
777	545	Legal & Gen	692	-12	32.1	4.6	..
34	19	Lib Life SA R1	£19	..	..	..	..
672	640	London & Man	619	..	31.6	3.9	32.4
330	242	Ldn Utd Inv	280	+4	18.8b	6.4	11.1
60⅝	46⅞	Marsh & McLen	£61⅞ ●	-⅛	220	3.6	..
308	161	Minet	256	-2	9.3	3.9	16.9
585	218	PWS	258 ●	..	12.8	5.0	32.2
14⅞	8⅞	Pearl	£12⅞	-½	58.4	4.7	..
819	493	Prudential	757	-7	34.3	4.5	50.0
455	276	Refuge	415	..	16.8	4.0	..
828	515	Royal	775	-3	34.6	4.5	18.5
480	332	Sedgwick Gp	360	-1	14.6	4.1	15.2
754	510	Stewart Wr'son	744	+5	28.7	3.9	25.2
450	320	Sturge Hldgs	415	-5	8.6	2.1	27.8
578	391	Sun Alliance	563	+7	22.1	3.9	50.7
804	769	Sun Life	797	..	30.5	3.8	..
385	220	Trade Indemnity	366	..	12.8	3.5	13.3
447	289	Willis Faber	444	+5	10.4	2.3	..

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LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
146	86	Barr & WA 'A'	123	-8	10.0	8.1	9.1
186	133	Boosey & Hawkes	148	..	..	..	22.2
130	100	Brent Walker	103	+1	7.9	7.6	8.7
52	26	Campari	47	+5	1.4	3.0	12.6
235	170	Chrysalis	193	..	8.0	4.0	12.0
433	231	First Leisure	423	-5	10.7	2.5	16.2
69½	51½	GRA	57	-½	..	..	69.5
75	35	Harburger Brooks	68	..	..	..	44.4
146	78	Horizon Travel	105	-3	6.3	5.9	20.6
140	93	Int Leisure	118 ●	..	6.9	5.8	6.8
231	66	Juliana's Hldgs	75 ●	+1	3.0	4.0	11.7
205	124	Medminster	160	..	7.8	4.8	10.7
340	184	Pleasurama	281	-2	8.9	3.2	17.0
83	32	Riley Leisure	60	+3	..	..	5.2
205	147	Saga Holidays	205	..	6.1	3.0	22.2
304	213½	Samuelson Gp	260	-1	3.4	1.3	..
80	57	Tottenham Hotspur	57	..	5.7	10.0	10.3
128½	92	Zetters	128½	..	5.7	4.4	11.0

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
22	8⅝	Ang Amer Coal	£12½	-½	..	56.8	..
£11⅛	570	Ang Am	570	-20½	446	8.6	..
79	28½	Am Gold	£52	-4	271	6.3	..
47½	28½	AAIT	£32	..	142	4.2	..
37	21	Anglovaal	£34 ●	..	142	4.2	..
37	21	Do 'A'	£34 ●	..	47.5	28.1	..
295	163	Ayer Hitam	183	..	78.0	20.4	..
787	255	Blyvoors	388	-25	26.0	19.5	..
187	71	Bracken	133	-5	262	13.4	..
37	12½	Buffels	£19½	-1	..	..	..
392	238	CRA	292	-4	..	..	..
100	52	Carr Boyd	81	-3	35.0	7.3	11.7
584	397	Cons Goldfields	477	-7	18.0	4.4	..
450	257	De Beers	409	-16	4.0	2.2	..
280	95	Deelkraal	185	+5	92.0	10.7	..
16⅛	5⅞	Doornfontein	£8⅞	-½	128	10.3	..
23⅛	8⅞	Driefontein	£12⅞	-½	..	..	..
12⅞	3⅝	Durban	£4⅞	-½	..	..	..
318	143	E Daggas	200	-8	12.0	2.3	..
720	276	Elandsrand	531	-14	6.0	4.3	11.8
180	120	El Oro	140	+2	14.0	8.0	..
248	80	Elsburg	175	-5	28.0	5.5	..
488	233	E Rand Gold	325	-8	..	..	..
7⅞	3⅞	E Rand Prp	£5½	..	..	..	..
10⅞	3⅞	Free State Dev	210½	+⅛	14.7	1.4	63.5
25	12	FS Geduld	£14⅛	-½	182	10.8	..
248	41	Geevor Tin	58	-½	17.1e	29.6	2.2
11	4½	Gencor	£7⅛	-⅛	60.0	8.0	..
12⅛	6⅛	Gen Mining	£9⅛	-⅛	87.0	10.2	..
14⅜	5⅞	GFSA	£9⅛	-½	48.0	5.0	..
630	348	GM Kalgoorli	450	-15	..	..	..
175	58	Gopeng	88	..	20.0	29.4	..
850	230	Grootvlei	319	-10	54.0	18.9	..
218	113½	Hampton Areas	131 ●	-½	5.4	4.1	39.8
13⅞	5⅜	Harmony	£9⅛	-½	82.8	7.2	..
525	190	Hartles	308	-5	17.0	5.5	..
87	40	Johnnies	£70	-½	345	4.9	..
18⅞	6½	Kinross	£11⅞	-½	89.0	8.0	..
8⅞	3⅝	Kloof	£5⅝	-½	40.0	6.6	..
276	87	Leslie	143	-5	29.0	20.3	..
20⅞	7½	Libanon	£12⅛	-½	115	9.3	..
423	183	Loraine	373	..	..	..	..
196	110	MIM	153	-3	..	..	..
56	21	Malaysian Mining	23 ●	+1	17.0	16.7	..
175	70	Marievale	102	-1	..	..	..
38	16½	Metals Exploration	20	-1	..	..	..
17	7	Mhangura	10	..	..	..	..
10½	4½	Middle Wits	£7½	+½	..	..	..
792	480	Minorco	620	..	10.0	1.6	..
9⅛	2½	New Wits	£4½	..	23.0	5.4	..
165	89	Nth Broken Hill	140	-1	..	..	..
54½	28½	Nth Kalgurli	44	-1½	..	..	..
375	195	Northgate	250	..	..	..	..
280	118	Petaling Tin	123	..	..	..	..
318	205	Peko Wallsend	285	..	..	..	..
25⅛	9⅝	Pres Brand	£12	-1	160	13.3	..
27⅛	10	Pres Steyn	£13	-½	207	15.9	..
33⅛	14	Rand Mines Ltd	£24 ●	-1	..	..	..
800	275	Rand Mines Prop	430	+15	12.0	3.0	10.9
95	39½	Randfontein	£62	-2	661	8.9	..
308	231	Renison	278	..	..	..	..
687	507	RTZ	554 ●	-3	26.3	5.3	7.8
8⅞	4⅞	Rustenburg	£6½	-⅛	26.0	4.1	48.1
26⅛	8⅞	St Helena	£9⅞	-½	125	12.8	..
279	78	SA Land	148	-5	18.0	12.2	..
731⅛	15⅞	Southvaal	£28⅛	-½	118	4.2	..
887½	318	Sottontein	488	-25	..	..	..
280	123	Sungei Besi	123	-15	..	..	..
275	125	Tanjong	125	-25	..	..	8.5
14⅛	8	Tara	£8½	+½	..	..	..
380	113	Tronoh	128	-5	..	..	..
865	335	Unisel	456	-15	46.0	10.1	..
87	32⅛	Vaal Reefs	£58⅛	-1½	658	10.4	..
844	315	Ventersport	481	-18	54.0	11.2	..
170	95	Vlakfontein	85	-7	15.0	17.6	..
115	55	Vogels	90	..	4.3	4.7	11.6
16	10½	Wankie Colliery	10½	..	..	..	..
737	340	Welkom	428	-32	67.0	15.7	..
420	143	Western Areas	290	-½	23.0	7.9	..
39	19½	Western Deep	£27⅛	-½	171	6.3	..
36	13⅞	Western Holdings	£19⅛	-½	259	15.5	..
248	142	Western Mining	185	-1	3.0	1.6	..
470	140	West Rand Cons	245	..	12.0	4.9	..
182	114	Wham Creek	128	-2	..	..	..
31	8½	Winkels	£14½	-½	176	12.0	..
107	30	Wit Nigel	50	-2	1.1	2.1	..
19	10	Zambia Copper	13	..	..	..	..
86	32	Zandpan	54	..	5.7	8.9	..

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
164	111	AE	144	+2	7.1	5.0	10.0
81	39	Appleyard	79	..	4.3	5.4	7.0
82½	32	Armstrong	82½ ●	+1½	1.8	1.9	10.9
129	55	Auto Products	118	+1	2.1	1.8	27.7
27½	22	BSG	26½ ●	..	1.5	5.6	11.5
		Blumel Bros	..	..	..	..	..
195	128	Bramall (CD)	193 ●	-2	9.9	5.1	10.1
483	283	Br Aerospace	423	-7	20.3	4.8	7.8
102	79	Br Car Auctions	100 ●	-1	4.6	4.6	11.0
47	26	BL	33	..	..	..	..
176	120	Caffyns	188 ●	-2	6.4	3.6	..
90	41	Cowie (T)	90	+1	4.3	4.8	12.6
126	86½	Davis(Godfrey)	126	+1	5.7	4.5	15.1
227	164	Dowty	174	-3	7.3	4.2	13.4
48	32	ERF	37	-2	..	..	8.3
342	242	FR Group	322	-2	..	..	..
228	148	Ford Motor	216	+3	7.0	3.2	..
92	58	Gates (Frank G)	85	..	4.3	6.5	8.0
376	228	General Motor	251 ●	+3	25.0	10.0	..
80	43	Glandfield Lawrence	53	..	..	..	11.1
129	69	Group Lotus	129	..	..	..	49.4
84½	49	Hartwells	70	..	3.8b	5.4	9.3
548	354	Honda Motor	421 ●	+2	3.8	0.9	..
386	237	Jaguar	349	-3	11.1	3.2	11.3
82	62	Jessups	82	+1	5.7	7.0	6.2
153	87	Kenning Motor	138	-2	9.3	6.7	21.5
60	28	Kwik-Fit	59	..	2.8	4.7	17.4
323	159	Lex	288	-3	15.1	5.8	7.7
103	83	Lookers	103	+3	7.0	6.8	5.3
515	233	Lucas	483	-5	15.7	3.3	9.7
119	86	Perry Gp	119 ●	..	6.3	5.3	13.3
88	66	Plaxtons (GB)	77 ●	..	6.4	8.4	10.5
86	45	Quick (HJ)	56	..	3.7	6.6	..
58	29	Supra	45	..	2.8	6.2	12.8
48	21	Woodhead (Jones)	34	-2	0.1e	0.4	6.6

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
147	118	Portsmouth Sund	120 ●	..	5.7	4.8	12.0
277	226	Trinity Int	228	..	17.4	7.5	7.2
330	250	Utd Newspapers	297	-4	22.9	7.7	11.2
283	188	Assoc Book	208	..	7.5	3.6	12.0
£10⅛	488	Assoc Newspaper	905 ●	-10	24.3	2.7	12.3
360	255	Black (A&C)	305	..	13.9	4.6	16.9
637	388	Bristol	520 ●	-5	32.9	6.3	20.2
486	333	Collins (Wm)	480	-5	9.8	2.0	24.6
338	253	Do 'A'	311	-8	9.8	3.2	16.0
189	95	Emap 'A'	139 ●	+2	4.7	3.4	20.8
380	280	Haynes Publishing	371	-7	18.6	5.0	19.4
171	83	Home Counties	108	-7	8.7	8.2	4.6
273	130	Independent	276	..	12.0	4.4	..
622	429	Int Thomson	437	-6	14.0	3.2	13.0
725	385	News International	640	-10	15.1	2.4	..
365	433	Octopus	480	..	8.2	1.7	27.5

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
129	91	Ampol	121	+2	..	..	..
52	18	Aran Energy	25	-2	..	..	..
78	24	Atlantic Resources	26	-1	..	..	..
610	473	Br Petroleum	560	-2	45.7	8.2	7
32	7	Bristol Oil	..	-1	..	..	..
358	275	Br Borneo	316	..	28.4	8.1	12
243	181	Britoil	158	..	18.6b	6.5	5
320	202	Burmah	325	+2	15.4	5.0	11
178	73	Carless Capel	73	-5	3.9	5.8	7
91	65	Century	85 ●	-2	5.7	6.7	41.
57	35	Charterhall	35	-2	0.9	3.9	3
112	66	Charterhouse Pet	100	..	1.8b	1.8	13
209	123	Enterprise	134	-2	12.1	9.1	4.
71	28	Gerber Energy	40	-5	..	..	..
356	225	Global N Res	240	..	..	..	..
99	34	Goal Pet	52	+2	1.4	2.8	6
318	75	Gt Western Res	75	-15	..	1.3	..
361	273	IC Gas	273 ●	-5	22.1	8.1	8.
23⅛	5½	ICG Oil	9½	..	..	..	7.
53	50	Imco	51	-2	..	..	..
43	19	KCA Drilling	34	-1	4.3	17.9	..
379	175	LASMO	175	-8	17.4	10.0	10
520	280	Do Units	290	..	14.4	51.6	..
175	40	New London Oil	53	..	..	..	..
210	132	Petrocon	133	..	7.3	5.9	7
53	25½	Premier	26½	-1	..	..	12.
480	215	Ranger	242	..	..	..	..
50⅛	40⅝	Royal Dutch	£42⅞	-⅛	225	5.2	..
731	620	Shell	663 ●	-2	48.0	7.2	5
175	141	Silkolene	146	..	12.3	8.8	5
207	67	Sovereign	98	+5	..	..	3
33	20	TR Energy	23½	-1	..	..	2
283	120	Tricentrol	120	-8	14.3	11.9	1
405	100	Triton Europe	225	..	..	..	..
248	190	Ultramar	201	-2	15.3	7.5	4.

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
238	131	Anglo Indonesian	166	..	10.7	6.8	3
41	34	Borthwick	35 ●	..	0.7	2.2	8
152	85	Finlay (James)	91	-2	5.9	6.5	4.
478	335	Harrison Crosfield	333 ●	-3	28.5	8.6	10
458	290	Inchcape	320	-3	25.9	8.1	14.
33	25	Jacks (Wm)	29½	-1	1.4	5.0	8
225	141	Lonrho	210	+1	16.4	7.5	11
57	44	Ocean Wilson	53 ●	..	4.2	7.9	6
240	126	Paterson Zoch	153	-2	6.4	4.4	6
249	125	Do 'A'	153	-2	6.4	4.4	6.
269	150	Polly Peck	155	-5	7.5	4.8	3.
85	40	Sime Darby	43 ●	-1	..	..	..
565	485	Steel Bros	580	..	22.9	3.9	9
81	25	Tozer Kemsley	69	-1	..	..	..
251	158	Yule Catto	188	..	8.9	5.3	7.

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
119	43	Accord Int	49	-2	1.2	2.5	18
232	173	Assoc Paper	230 ●	..	8.6	3.7	13
89	33	Ault & Wiborg	72	..	..	..	8
178	123	Bemrose	178	..	1.8	1.3	6
412½	224	Boase Massimi	251	-3	5.4	2.1	15
211	159	BPCC	209	..	17.1b	8.2	7
172	125	Brunning	146 ●	..	7.0	4.8	36
162	125	Do R/v	144 ●	..	7.0	4.9	35
533	428	Bemd	463	-3	14.3	3.0	13
823	651	Carlton Comm	720 ●	-20	8.6	1.2	21
191	181	Chapman	181	-3	12.0	6.6	6
208	113	Cropper (James)	178	-3	3.6	2.0	9
227	145	DRG	193	-1	11.9	5.9	9
165	115	Davidson Pearce	153	+2	..	..	..
580	330	Eucalyptus Pulp	350	..	10.6	2.6	1
184	128	Ferguson Hldgs	178 ●	..	10.6	8.3	12.
495	350	Fitch Design	465	..	8.0	2.1	28.
175	55	Geers Gross	56	-1	4.3	7.8	5
283	110	Good Relations	131	-2	7.7	5.9	13
348	218	Lowe H-SC-E	311	-2	8.6	2.8	..
151½	133	McCorquodale	158 ●	..	8.1	5.2	15
103	65	More O'Ferrall	95	+2	4.9	5.1	16
141	100	Norton Opax	130 ●	..	4.3	3.3	15
39⅛	29½	Ogilvy & Mather	£31½ ●	..	..	..	..
45	27	Olives Paper	31	..	..	..	..
575	458	St Ives Gp	575	+5	12.9	2.2	23
815	615	Saatchi & Saatchi	795	-10	20.0	2.5	17
127½	103	Do 6.3% Cnv Prf	127	..	9.0	7.1	..
138	72½	Smurfit (Jeff)	137	..	4.7	3.4	..
215	155	Usher Walker	210 ●	-3	9.7	4.9	10
52	28	Waco	45	..	..	..	..
630	455	Waddington (J)	580 ●	+10	35.7	6.2	11
288	223	Wilmough	273	..	9.9b	3.3	13

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
34	17	Abaco	28	-1	0.2	0.7	42.
80	68	Allied Ldn	71	-2	3.0	2.8	15
123	70	Apex	123	..	2.7b	3.6	25
156	70	Barratt Evans	123	..	1.7	1.5	11
490	251	Beazer (CH)	454 ●	-2	..	..	..
150	79	Bellway	93	+3	8.0	6.5	6
218	197	Billon (P)	218	-6	15.1	6.9	15
225	212	Bradford	480	..	13.9	3.1	10
450	360	Br Land	146 ●	-1	3.9	2.7	14
165	131	Bruton	139 ●	-2	7.8	5.5	21
81	122	Cardiff (A) & Sons	55	..	..	..	..
45	50	Cap & Counties	218	..	8.6	3.9	24
223	195	Cardiff Prop	205	-3	2.8	1.3	..
220	145	Centrovincial	188	-5	8.6	4.5	15
223	171	Chesterfield	420	-5	15.7	3.7	..
465	460	CALA	820	..	25.7b	3.1	11
880	512½	Clarke Nickolls	143	..	9.2	6.1	12
158	139	Conteh	173	-2	6.0	2.9	21
193	85	Control Secs	19	-2	4.5	23.7	3
43	15	Country & New	105	-2	2.3	2.2	69
116	97	County 'B'	135	-2	8.0	5.7	4
147	88	Cussins	185	..	6.6	4.6	20
235	175	Daejan	470	-5	18.6	4.0	9
560	303	Dares	225	-15	..	..	..
253	225	Dares Dev	7½	..	..	..	..
21	6	Dares	158	..	..	..	..
168	145	Estates & Agency	113	..	4.3	2.7	70
121	89	Estates Gen	143	..	3.4	3.0	30
159	141	Estates Prop	83	..	11.8	8.3	12
47½	69	Evans Of Leeds	45	..	5.0	6.0	..
185	150	Five Oaks	181 ●	..	..	..	8.
185	140	Frogmore	148 ●	..	9.9	5.5	11
174	140	Gr Portland	212 ●	..	10.0	6.8	21
248	78	Greycoat	89 ●	..	2.8	1.3	43
127	433	Halwood Gp	445	-5	7.0	7.9	..
520	415	Hammerson	435	-5	12.1	2.7	31
515	415	Do 'A'	135	..	12.1	2.8	30
156	23	Hanover	243	..	4.6	3.4	13
290	172	Hardanger	452 ●	-2	14.0	5.6	31
539	444	Haslemere	285	..	14.0	2.9	31
335	255	Imry	150	..	7.6	2.7	32.
180	65	Jermyn	273	..	2.3	1.5	89
315	282	Laing Prop	65	-2	9.6	3.5	11
80	65	Land Investors	279 ●	+½	1.7	3.1	31
255	255	Land Securities	150	..	12.1	4.3	24
485	193	Lon & Edin Tst	150 ●	-2	9.6	2.1	21
166	102½	Lon & Edin 8.5%	218	..	9.3	6.2	..
325	216	Lon & Prov Shop	161 ●	-3	8.6	3.0	19
225	123	Lon Shop Prop	290 ●	-2	7.1	4.4	19.
162	290	Lynton	277	..	8.6b	3.0	35.
325	255	MEPC	92	-3	15.0	5.4	17
101	55	McInerney	165	..	..	..	..
130	105	McKay Secs	53	..	4.6	4.4	18
107	35	Markheath	123	..	3.1b	5.8	24
127	133	Marievale Moore	80	..	3.6	2.9	12
70	68	Marlborough	180	..	0.6b	1.4	30.
195	120	Marler Est	545	-5	9.3	2.4	16.
579	239	Mountleigh	365	..	6.4	1.7	17
410	288	Mountview	85 ●	+2	7.2	1.8	12
97	76	Muckow (A&J)	£20	..	15.7	8.5	13
24	12	Municipal	75	..	1.7	0.8	33
82	70½	New Cavendish	44	+1	1.4	2.3	22
51	26	Parkdale	258 ●	+1	11.4	3.3	34
280	230	Peachey	178	+2	8.2	4.4	29
202	178	Prop & Rev	110 ●	+1	3.8	3.5	27.
132	107	Prop Hldgs	108	-1	3.6b	3.4	23
125	98	Prop Security	8½	-½	0.1	3.4	..
10	7	Raglan	330	..	5.2	1.8	25
445	65	Regalian	340	..	..	..	..
380	190	Rosehaugh	392	..	11.2	4.3	11.5
284	210	Rush & Tompkins	154 ●	-3	8.4	5.4	24.1
186	142	Samuel	78	-1	5.7	7.3	17.9
92	78	Scot Met	144	-2	7.4	5.8	16.4
166	125	Slough Estates	266 ●	..	13.6	5.1	13.9
325	175	Speyhawk	148	..	5.4	3.8	20.3
162	148	Stand Secs	505 ●	-5	12.1	2.4	23.4
570	405	Stock Conversion	67	-1	..	..	..
80	54	Stockley	47	-1	1.4	3.0	28.0
49	38	Town Centre	198	-2	16.4	8.3	13.2
240	186	Trafford Park	525 ●	..	17.1	3.3	21.5
605	480	Utd Real	680	..	22.9	3.4	33.3
700	525	Warner	475	..	21.4	4.5	46.5
510	410	Warnford	20½	..	0.7	3.6	66.1
26½	17	Webb (Jos)	142 ●	..	11.4	8.0	8.1
183	140	West & Country		..	..	..	..

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
414	181	Assoc Br Ports	374	-6	12.5	3.3	21.6
355	226	Br Commonwealth	308	-2	6.3	2.0	66.6
328	208	Caledonia	295	..	6.1	2.1	16.8
121	90	Fisher (James)	92	..	4.7	5.1	8.5
550	520	Graig	528 ●	..	17.9	3.0	28.8
64½	52	Jacobs (JI)	58½ ●	..	5.0b	8.5	27.5
22	8½	Lyle	12	..	..	..	6.2
42	17	Mersey Docks	28	..	..	..	1.1
201	126	Ocean Transport	182	-2	8.4	4.5	13.5
458	338	P & O Dfd	436	-2	20.0	4.5	15.3
110	75	Runciman (Walter)	101 ●	..	7.1	7.1	30.0
420	285	Turnbull Scott	370	-5	12.9	3.5	30.5

SHOES AND LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	198	FII	290 ●	..	8.9	3.1	11.3
238	163	Garnar Booth	166	..	13.1	7.9	3.8
33	31	Headlam Sims	32	..	3.1e	9.1	..
223	133	Lambert Howarth	193	..	7.2	3.7	10.1
98	60	Newbold & Burton	68	..	4.4	6.5	..
94	48½	Pittard	84	..	6.8	8.1	8.1
152	118	Strong & Fisher	122	-2	10.7	8.8	4.8
208	143	Stylo	158	-3	6.4	4.1	13.5

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
527	280	Allied Text	418 ●	..	17.9b	4.3	16.7
143	104	Atkins Bros	143	+3	8.1	5.7	8.3
112	71	Beale (John)	110	+2	5.7	5.2	7.1
102	84	Beckman (A)	89 ●	..	8.2	9.2	10.4
153	107½	Br Mohair	123 ●	..	8.6	7.0	9.5
85	60	Bulmer & Lumb	62 ●	..	7.1	11.5	11.5
200	129	Coats Patons	200 ●	+52	8.2	4.1	8.3
73½	52½	Corah	65	..	5.7	10.4	15.3
206	121	Courtaulds	205 ●	+10	7.5	3.7	7.5
94	37	Crowther (J)	83 ●	..	2.1	2.6	11.5
226	151	Dawson	226 ●	+8	8.0	3.6	12.5
73½	30	Debron	51	..	..	..	..
268	118	Dixon (D)	283 ●	-8	9.3	3.3	15.5
146	70	Don Bros	132	..	4.3	3.3	15.5
168	35	Dura Mill	43	..	5.7	13.3	9.1
84	47	Foster (John)	63	..	5.0	7.9	18.8
108	84	Gaskell Broadloom	103	..	7.5	7.5	8.8
63	33	Hicking Pentecost	35	..	..	..	..
160	85	Ingram (Harold)	100 ●	..	3.9	3.9	12.9
75	50	Jerome (S)	62 ●	-4	4.5	7.3	9.1
193	121	Leeds	170 ●	-3	8.9	5.3	9.8
74	45½	Lister	70	..	0.4	0.5	21.7
85	67	Lyles (S)	81 ●	..	7.9	9.7	5.1
94	57	Mackay (Hugh)	71	..	6.6	9.3	6.3
23½	7	Munton	14	+½	..	..	..
120	88	Parkland 'A'	108	-5	6.9	6.4	8.4
38	24½	Readicut	39½	+½	2.3	7.0	9.4
174	132	SEET	132	-3	7.3b	5.5	11.0
45	26	Shaw Carpets	31½	..	3.6	11.3	17.5
160	108	Sirdar	140 ●	..	5.9	4.2	11.3
55	33	Smallshaw (R)	51 ●	+2	3.6	7.0	8.9
77	37½	Stroud Riley	72	-1	3.6	5.0	17.2
107	65	Textured Jersey	107	..	7.1	6.7	12.7
205	110	Tomkinsons	175 ●	..	8.6	4.9	13.2
84½	55	Toray	80 ●	+1	5.7b	7.1	18.8
250	130	Yorklyde	240	+5	9.3	3.9	18.9

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
385	255	BAT	340	-1	16.7	4.8	7.3
271	182	Imperial	254	-2	13.7	5.4	11.3
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	128 ●	-2	9.1	7.1	4.4

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yld %	Gross Red. Yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
101 34	98 19	Exch	11¾% 1986	99.93 ●	..	11.758	12.688
99.77	96.88	Treas	13% 1986	99.28	..	10.062	12.717
97⅛	91¾	Treas	3% 1986	97¾	-⅛	3.091	11.612
100	97⅛	Exch C	10½% 1986	99⅛	-⅛	10.596	13.381
101½	98½	Treas	12% 1986	99⅝	-⅛	12.057	13.160
98⅛	94½	Treas	8¼% 1984-86	98⅛	-⅛	8.682	12.874
105½	100⅛	Exch	14% 1986	100⅛	-⅛	13.922	13.123
94⅛	87⅛	Exch	2½% 1986	95⅛	-⅛	2.529	8.790
104⅛	100⅛	Exch	13¼% 1987	100⅛	-⅛	13.196	12.803
99⅛	95⅛	Treas C	10¼% 1987	97⅛	●-⅛	10.499	12.765
93⅛	84⅛	Exch	2½% 1987	92⅛	-⅛	2.689	9.478
100⅛	96⅛	Exch	10½% 1987	97⅛	-⅛	10.765	12.786
95⅛	86⅛	Fund	6½% 1985-87	93⅛	-⅛	6.938	12.027
99⅛	94⅛	Treas	10% 1987	97⅛	-⅛	10.325	12.549
92⅛	83⅛	Treas	3% 1987	90⅛	-⅛	3.298	9.757
102⅛	96⅛	Treas	12% 1987	99⅛	-⅛	12.072	12.358
95⅛	85⅛	Treas	7¾% 1985-88	92⅛	●-⅛	8.336	11.790
100⅛	94⅛	Exch	10½% 1988	97⅛	-⅛	10.849	12.142
98⅛	92⅛	Treas C	9½% 1988	95⅛	-⅛	10.246	12.130
87⅛	79⅛	Trans	3% 1978-88	86⅛	-⅛	3.484	8.277
97⅛	90⅛	Treas	9½% 1988	93⅛	-⅛	10.113	12.132
102⅛	96⅛	Treas	11½% 1989	98⅛	●	11.680	12.052
97⅛	89⅛	Treas C	9½% 1989	93⅛	-⅛	10.201	12.118
84⅛	78⅛	Treas	3% 1989	82⅛	-⅛	3.631	9.214
99⅛	93⅛	Treas	10½% 1989	95⅛	-⅛	10.952	12.006
93⅛	90⅛	Exch	10% 1989	94⅛	●-⅛	10.621	12.098
101⅛	94⅛	Exch	11% 1989	97	-⅛	11.340	12.014
85⅛	78	Treas	5% 1986-89	84⅛	-⅛	5.913	10.056
96⅛	37⅛	Exch C	10½% 1989	95	..	10.789	11.903
108⅛	101⅛	Treas	13% 1990	103⅛	●-⅛	12.579	11.911
101⅛	96⅛	Exch	11% 1990	97⅛	-⅛	11.326	11.915
109	100⅛	Exch	12¼% 1990	101⅛	-⅛	12.274	11.922
81⅛	75⅛	Treas	3% 1990	80⅛	-⅛	3.788	8.808
93⅛	86⅛	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	89⅛	-⅛	9.250	11.444
101⅛	91	Treas C	10% 1990	93⅛	-⅛	10.745	11.940
99⅛	76⅛	Exch	2½% 1990	78⅛	-⅛	3.251	8.415
108⅛	96⅛	Treas	11¾% 1991	99⅛	-⅛	11.813	11.887
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
87⅛	79	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	85	+⅛	6.907	9.851
105⅛	95⅛	Exch	11% 1991	99⅛	+⅛	11.413	11.878
113⅛	100⅛	Treas	12¾% 1992	104	+⅛	12.269	11.817
100⅛	87⅛	Treas	10% 1992	91⅛	-⅛	10.809	11.764
104⅛	93⅛	Treas C	10½% 1992	99⅛	●-⅛	11.125	11.793
111⅛	98⅛	Exch	12½% 1992	100⅛	●-⅛	12.016	11.834
117⅛	104⅛	Exch	13½% 1992	111⅛	-⅛	12.598	11.903
114	99	Treas	12½% 1993	104	-⅛	12.059	11.759
83⅛	74⅛	Fund	6% 1993	81	-⅛	7.610	10.025
121⅛	108⅛	Treas	13¾% 1993	112	-⅛	12.338	11.819
126⅛	109⅛	Treas	14½% 1994	113	●-⅛	12.671	11.703
119⅛	107⅛	Exch	12½% 1994	112	●-⅛	12.419	11.814
113⅛	98⅛	Exch	13½% 1994	103	●-⅛	12.020	11.754
95⅛	85⅛	Treas	9% 1994	93	-⅛	10.207	11.304
111	96⅛	Treas	12% 1995	101⅛	-⅛	11.804	11.698
71⅛	61⅛	Gas	3% 1990-95	63	-⅛	4.392	7.889
101⅛	88⅛	Exch	10¼% 1995	92⅛	-⅛	11.061	11.548
118⅛	105	Treas	12¾% 1995	108⅛	-⅛	11.880	11.627
124	109⅛	Treas	14% 1996	113⅛	-⅛	12.370	11.728
94⅛	84⅛	Treas	9% 1992-96	90	-⅛	10.372	11.220
134⅛	120⅛	Treas	15¼% 1996	124	-⅛	12.648	11.750
122⅛	108	Exch	13¼% 1996	112⅛	-⅛	12.036	11.551
121⅛	107	Treas	13¼% 1997	110⅛	-⅛	11.985	11.532
102⅛	89⅛	Exch	10½% 1997	93⅛	●-⅛	11.119	11.402
91⅛	79⅛	Treas	8¾% 1997	83⅛	●-⅛	10.341	11.144
132⅛	120	Exch	15% 1997	124	-⅛	12.454	11.756
98⅛	88⅛	Exch	9¾% 1998	90	-⅛	10.849	11.315
73⅛	70⅛	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	74⅛	-⅛	9.259	10.801
138⅛	122⅛	Treas	15½% 1998	130⅛	-⅛	12.362	11.618
115⅛	102⅛	Exch	12% 1998	105⅛	-⅛	11.588	11.432
97⅛	85⅛	Treas	9½% 1999	89⅛	-⅛	10.857	11.098
118⅛	103⅛	Exch	12¼% 1999	110	-⅛	11.560	11.366
105⅛	93⅛	Treas	10½% 1999	97	-⅛	11.041	11.319
103⅛	91⅛	Conv	10¼% 1999	95	-⅛	10.994	11.221
122⅛	107⅛	Treas	13% 2000	112	-⅛	11.644	11.349
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
38⅛	90⅛	Treas	10% 2001	93⅛	●-⅛	10.793	11.013
128⅛	114⅛	Treas	14% 1998-01	117⅛	●-⅛	12.126	11.612
99	89⅛	Conv	9¾% 2001	90⅛	-⅛	10.720	10.980
114⅛	100⅛	Exch	12% 1999-02	104⅛	-⅛	11.518	11.375
101⅛	92⅛	Conv	10% 2002	95⅛	-⅛	10.782	10.964
98⅛	89⅛	Treas	9½% 2002	90⅛	●-⅛	10.696	10.924
128	112⅛	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	116⅛	●-⅛	11.774	11.369
113⅛	101⅛	Treas	11½% 2001-04	107⅛	-⅛	11.152	11.072
101⅛	93⅛	Fund	10% 2004	94⅛	-⅛	10.748	10.866
53⅛	45⅛	Conv	3½% 1999-04	49	-⅛	7.157	9.371
97⅛	89⅛	Conv	9½% 2004	91⅛	-⅛	10.673	10.863
95⅛	90⅛	Exch	9½% 2005	91⅛	-⅛	10.650	10.849
108⅛	94⅛	Treas	10½% 2005	101⅛	-⅛	10.769	10.805
122⅛	110	Exch	12½% 2003-05	113⅛	-⅛	11.236	11.040
85⅛	78⅛	Treas	8% 2002-06	81	..	10.182	10.567
115⅛	101⅛	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	105⅛	+⅛	11.144	11.035
130⅛	117⅛	Treas	13½% 2004-08	123⅛	+⅛	11.339	11.048
87	57	Treas	5½% 2008-12	59⅛	..	9.532	10.108
83⅛	74⅛	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	75⅛	●-⅛	10.092	10.272
124⅛	110⅛	Exch	12% 2013-17	113⅛	-⅛	10.670	10.598
UNDATED							
37⅛	33⅛	War Ln	3½%	34⅛	..	10.300	..
41⅛	37	Consols	4%	38⅛	●	10.400	..
48⅛	41⅛	Conv	3½%	48⅛	-⅛	7.774	..
39⅛	28⅛	Treas	3%	29⅛	-⅛	10.358	..
27	23⅛	Consols	2½%	24⅛	-⅛	10.259	..
26	23⅛	Treas	2½%	25	-⅛	10.325	..
INDEX-LINKED						(a)	(b)
117⅛	105⅛	Treas IL	2% 1988	115⅛	●	5.284	3.938
101⅛	91⅛	Treas IL	2% 1990	99⅛	+⅛	4.739	4.018
114⅛	108	Treas IL	2% 1996	109⅛	+⅛	4.507	4.226
103⅛	95	Treas IL	2½% 2001	95⅛	+⅛	4.330	4.101
103⅛	90⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2003	94⅛	+⅛	4.210	4.012
107	96	Treas IL	2% 2006	96⅛	+⅛	4.021	3.854
104	92	Treas IL	2½% 2009	92⅛	-⅛	3.972	3.813
108⅛	95⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2011	96⅛	●	3.889	3.738
91	80	Treas IL	2½% 2013	80⅛	●+⅛	3.840	3.699
39⅛	86⅛	Treas IL	2½% 2016	87⅛	●+⅛	3.786	3.647
98	88	Treas IL	2½% 2020	86⅛	+⅛	3.724	3.600

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%.

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
306	152	Allied-Lyons	263 ●	+7	11.6	4.4	15.5
692	471	Bass	625 ●	-13	21.0	3.4	13.3
61	38	Belhaven	41 ●	-1	1.1	2.7	22.7
100	68	Boddingtons	92	-2	4.2	4.6	13.3
573	258	Brown (Matthew)	390 ●	-5	20.0b	5.1	14.3
189	119	Bulmer (H P)	149 ●	..	7.0	4.7	12.1
530	407½	Burtonwood Brew	420 ●	..	14.3	3.4	9.9
425	225	Clark (Matthew)	425	..	10.7	2.5	17.2
745	417	Devenish (J A)	640 ●	..	18.8	2.9	18.7
530	270	Distillers	570 ●	+10	22.9	4.0	15.8
158	159	Greenall Whitley	178 ●	+3	7.0	4.0	12.7
254	146	Greene King	185 ●	-3	7.2	3.9	13.1
325	225	Guinness	280	-5	10.3	3.7	10.0
417	324	Hardys & Hansons	409 ●	..	24.1	5.9	10.5
85	59	Highland Dist	63	-1	2.6	4.1	13.9
177	124	Invergordon Dist	160	..	6.1	3.8	11.7
188	120	Irish Dist	189 ●	..	6.0	3.2	..
93	57	Marston Thompson	79 ●	-1	2.9	3.7	13.5
239	179	Morland	217	..	9.1	4.2	12.0
338	106	SA Breweries	187	-2	..	..	..
134	126	Scott & New	188 ●	-1	10.0b	6.0	11.4
40⅛	27½	Seagram	£39⅛	-½	41.1	1.3	..
410	258	Vaux	369 ●	-7	15.8	4.3	14.1
280	164	Whitbread 'A'	231	+1	10.2	4.4	11.7
278	185	Do 'B'	231	+3	10.2	4.4	11.7
238	182	Whitbread Inv	136	..	9.9	5.1	28.9
435	270	Wolverhampton & D	413	-2	12.2	3.0	15.1
245	185	Young 'A'	205 ●	-5	7.4	3.6	16.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	90	Allied Irish	195	-1	9.0	4.6	39.2
88	48	Ansbacher (Henry)	55	..	..	..	..
321	194½	Aus New Z	275 ●	+½	15.0	6.4	..
18⅛	8⅛	Bankamerica	£9⅛ ●	-½	..	..	..
375	285	Bank Of Ireland	365	..	17.0	4.7	..
15⅛	8½	Bank Leumi Israel	£8½	..	..	..	..
290	215	Bank Leumi UK	330	..	15.0	8.5	13.2
444	351½	Bank Of Scotland	354	-13	18.0b	4.9	8.9
479	332	Barclays	432	-17	24.0	5.6	8.1

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Banks still waiting for signal from Old Lady

Ulysses tied himself to the mast and stuffed the ears of his men with wax to resist the Sirens' songs. Likewise, the Bank of England ploughed on steadfastly yesterday, resisting the blandishments of a market now clamouring for 14 per cent base rate at least.

The chances are that the Bank will be forced to yield today and accede to the market's demands. But nothing in current trading is certain. If the twitching hands of the Bank's master mariners can stave off the seemingly inevitable until the weekend, there is at least a sporting chance that the Bank's original game plan of 12½ per cent base rates and no more might just survive. Some of the players in the gilt market believe this. That is why gilts yesterday were so remarkably resilient in the face of an almost overwhelmingly bear charge on the foreign exchange markets. Sterling and oil prices were the cynosure of forex eyes yesterday.

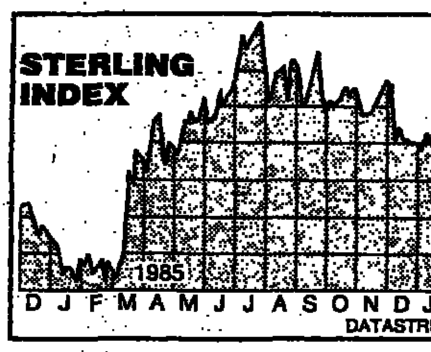
Despite steadying later in the day, oil prices were very weak, with trades at $17.40 for March deliveries of Brent crude. Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, gave a warning that oil prices could collapse to $15 a barrel unless there is co-operation between Opec and non-Opec members on production levels. Such an agreement, he said, should give Opec at least 16 million barrels a day of total outpup.

The impact on the pound was severe. It fell to $1.3755 before steadying to record a 1.2 cent drop to $1.3837. Sterling fell to DM3.39 against the mark, down 2 pfennigs, having been as low as DM3.36. The trade weighted index dropped a full point to 74.3. This week so far the pound's average value has 4.6 per cent.

Yet apart from a brief flurry in Band One bills, the Bank of England kept its dealing rates unchanged, signalling in this way that it drew a distinction between the turmoil of external events and the correct price for domestic credit. The two seemingly contradictory approaches meet in the perception that lower oil prices reduce inflation and we therefore beneficial. But at what point does the Bank, after due consultation of its computer runs, decide that enough is enough?

Gilt traders have decided that such a moment is fast approaching. Hence on the one hand is the resilience of the conventional markets, and on the other, the uninspired showing of index-linked stocks.

The clearing banks are still waiting for a signal from the Bank and are unwilling to move until they get it. It could come today with a new gilt sale and repurchase agreement. If the Bank sets this at middle market rates rather than a fixed, and lower, rate the banks would take this as a signal that they can raise base rates.



NFC morsels for the institutions

The National Freight Consortium is still one of Mrs Thatcher's best advertisements for privatization and employee share ownership. But success breeds problems: how to provide a wider market for the shares while retaining employee control of the company? The original £1 shares have a "determined" value of £16.50.

Yesterday, after unveiling a 70 per cent increase in pretax profits to £28.8 million, the chairman, Sir Peter Thompson, outlined proposals for "The Way Ahead". These will be put to NFC's 17,671 shareholders next month. They do not include flotation "in the immediate future."

They do include the recommendation that certain financial institutions should be allowed to participate in the internal market on the four dealing days a year, if there is a shortage of buyers. If this happens the share price would come closer to a likely stock market value.

Less popular with the City is a commitment the board would require from the institutions not to support a takeover against the directors' recommendation. In preparation for a flotation at some future date (but not for at least two or three years) the articles of association would be amended to give employee shares twice the voting weight in the event of a takeover bid. Sir Peter believes employee control is the "magic ingredient X" and does not intend to let it slip away. To further strengthen employee ownership, he wants up to 15 per cent of pretax profits allocated to a profit-sharing scheme through which employees would receive shares according to length of service.

The success of NFC since privatization four years ago has not been unfailing. The 1984-85 accounts record an extraordinary provision of £17 million to cover the closure and reorganization costs in the parcels division, which last year made a trading loss of almost £9 million. The cost of last year's 1,500 redundancies was £2.3 million and there will be further job losses at Roadline.

When shareholders vote on Sir Peter's package on February 16 they will implicitly be voting on the timescale of the inevitable flotation. The board has said it would take it as a signal for a quotation if institutional shareholders' stake rose to 20 per cent in two years.

Robeco finds a lack of harmony

Robeco, the renowned Dutch open-ended investment fund, has fallen foul of another of those embarrassing failures to co-ordinate the policies of different departments of state. The Department of Trade and Industry is keen to create a free market in financial services within the European Community.

To that end, clause 78 of the Financial Services Bill makes it easier for investment funds authorized in another member state of the EEC to market their wares in this country, with the minimum of bureaucracy and a little discretion.

The Robeco group is a 50-year-old pillar of the ditch establishment. It consists of four funds worth more than £4 billion including the original £2 billion Robeco fund, a pioneer of international investment conducted on lines that combine features of a unit trust and an investment trust company. It is the biggest such mutual fund group in Europex, just the sort of eminently respectable organization the Bill is designed to welcome.

In another part of the wood, however, Robeco is cast in a different light. It has fallen foul of the Finance Act 1984 regulations sponsored by the Inland Revenue to counteract tax avoidance through tawdry offshore funds that roll up their income in tax havens to avoid British tax.

The law was not designed to catch Robeco which effectively distributes all its income, following Dutch rules tighter than those applied in Britain for investment trusts. But it fails subsidiary technical tests designed to close potential loopholes. For instance, it owns more than 10 per cent of several venture capital investments worth about 3 per cent of its total assets and management companies that also trade (as a savings bank to attract customers to save via the funds). As a result, it does not seem about to qualify for distributor status, which would free it from the rightly tough new rule that capital gains on offshore roll-up funds are taxed as income.

This, says Robeco's President, Professor Theo Scholten, would "hurt our English shareholders in a substantial way". And there are between 10,000 and 20,000 of them (impossible to say because Robeco uses bearer shares) owning some £72 million of Robeco and its sister fund Rolinco. Robeco is upset because it will effectively be debarred from marketing in Britain

Robeco's pleas were rebuffed by the Inland Revenue, which was too pleased that its non-discretionary rules had finally closed some important loopholes to start changing them. Application to the Chancellor has yielded no more than a regretful verbal shrug of the shoulders.

The authorities ought to do better than that. The problem is not simple. Robeco shares a little of the blame by running its own, admittedly linked, savings business. That is no ideal for a group seeking worldwide recognition as a pure investment vehicle. Yet if the drive for a free EEC internal market in financial services is to mean anything, Robeco and the authorities should be able to sit round a table and sort this problem out.

Coats Patons near takeover deal with mystery bidder

By Patience Wheatcroft

Coats Patons, one of Britain's biggest textile companies, is on the brink of being taken over in a deal that would value the company at more than £600 million. The most likely bidder is thought to be Vantona Viyella, although Courtholds is also a strong contender.

Talks between Coats and the mystery bidder have been going on for several weeks, and Mr Peter Cadbury of Morgan Grenfell, advisers to Coats, said they hope to be able to announce an agreed deal soon.

Coats' interests include the clothing label of Jaeger, and just before Christman the group bought a majority holding in the Jean Muir fashion business. It is also a world leader in the threads and knitting yarns business. Some 80 per cent of its sales are outside Britain, and it is that which is thought to make the group attractive to Vantona.

Mr Davoud Alliance, the architect of Vantona Viyella, would not comment last night when it was suggested that he might be bidding for Coats. After his acquisition of Nottingham Manufacturing last year – an agreed deal on lines similar to those now being discussed by Coats – Vantona is now capitalized at around £450 million. Coats' market value was up to £534 million last night after a rapid rise in the shares, which now stand at 193p, their highest for more than a year.

Coats' profits last year are estimated to have risen from almost £110 million to £140 million. The company has undergone some restructuring in resent years, and although there are some divisions where profitability could still be improved, the main economies have already been made. There is one division which might be sold as outside the main business of the group, and that is the precision engineering division, which in 1984 made a trading profit of £17.2 million.

The biggest contributor to profits in 1984 was Coats' leisure and crafts division, half of its turnover being in hand knitting yarns. Home sewing products comes next, followed by industrial sewing products. Retail and fashion wear made profits of just £10 million in 1984.

It is thought that Vantona would appreciate the worldwide presence that Coats would give it, with operations in Portugal, Brazil, North America and Australia.

But there would also be clear advantages for Vantona in joining with Coats' fashion business. Apart from Jaeger, Coats has a chain of Country Casual shops and has made some inroads into the highly competitive business of clothing the working woman. The recent purchase of Jean Muir was seen as important for Coats, giving it a base to build a whole new design-oriented business that some said might develop along similar lines to Laura Ashley, with a strong home furnishings division. Vantona is already a leading supplier of home furnishings.

The deal between Vantona and Nottingham Manufacturing was put together by Mr Jacob Rothschild. He is believed to have a small holding in Coats, previously held by Hanson Trust.

Imps steps up defence

The war of words intensified in Imperial's defence against Hanson Trust's £1.8 million bid yesterday when Mr Geoffrey Kent, the chairman of Imperial, wrote to shareholders telling them they would suffer significant asset dilution – materially more than under the United Biscuits merger – if they were to accept the Hanson offer. The first closing date is today.

Mr Kent also said Imperial's £616.5 million valuation surplus related mainly to freehold and long leasehold property, meaning additional depreciation would be less than £500,000 a year.

Mr Kent concluded that the continuing poor performance of Hanson shares meant that the doubts Imperial had expressed about Hanson's ability to grow, were increasingly widely held.

Posgate to sue over dismissal

By Alison Eadie

Mr Ian Posgate yesterday issued defamation proceedings in the High Court against the board of Posgate & Denby, his former agency at Lloyd's insurance market, which sacked him from his service contract two weeks ago.

Mr Posgate received his dismissal notice on January 7, hours before his suspension at Lloyd's was due to expire. Mr Posgate alleges that Posgate & Denby then wrote to Lloyd's about the reasons for his dismissal, which he says were "utterly untrue".

The letter arrived a few days before the ruling council of Lloyd's was due to debate the question of Mr Posgate's re-admission to Lloyd's as an active underwriter. The council has since told Mr Posgate that it was minded not to accept him and has given him until next Wednesday to appeal.

Mr Posgate says he is suing Posgate & Denby, because he claims the letter it sent to Lloyd's was incorrect. Posgate & Denby's managing director, Mr Michael Bassett, who is named in the writ with the chairman Mr Robert Brammell, refused to comment. Another employee of Posgate & Denby was sacked in connection with Mr Posgate's dismissal.

Mr Posgate was suspended for six months from working at Lloyd's by Lord Wilberforce, head of Lloyd's appeals tribunal, for his part in the Alexander Howden affair. He was found guilty of accepting a Pissarro painting as an inducement to place business with the Howden group and of not disclosing his stake in the Banque du Rhone et de la Tamise.

Cockfield urges uniform VAT rules in EEC

Harmonizing VAT systems in the European Community would simplify adminstration and "eliminate the major incentive to fraud and evasion presented by the existing system of zero-rating exports", Lord Cockfield, vice-president of the EEC Commission, said yesterday.

Lord Cockfield told a conference organized by the Confederation of British Industry, that there was "virtually unanimous" support in industry for the Commission's approach to harmonizing VAT systems as part of its plan to create a singel "internal market" by 1992.

The Commission's proposals allowed for a "substantial measure of flexibility," he said, and acknowledged that "there may be a need for derogations to meet particular cases of political and economic sensitivity".

Ladbroke merger talks off

By Ian Griffiths

Ladbroke and Granada Group have called off their merger talks aimed at creating a £1.2 billion leisure conglomerate. The announcement took the City by surprise and came after failure to agree on the value of Granada's shares.

Ladbroke's chairman, Mr Cyril Stein, denied that the company would now make a hostile bid for Granada and said it would look elsewhere for a fourth leg to add to its operations.

City observers were surprised that the negotiations had broken down as all the indications, since the companies admitted last week they were having talks, were that both sides wanted the merger and that it made sound commercial sense.

Cyril Stein: 'no plans for a hostile bid'

Mr Alex Bernstein, the chairman of Granada, said: "We simply couldn't agree terms. We differed on what the current value of Granada should be when going into a merger."

He denied that the failure of the talks now left the group exposed to a hostile bid from another direction. However, one stockbroker said last night that there was no doubt that the for sale sign is now up at Granada.

Granada's merchant bank, S. G. Warburg, was also quick to talk down the suggestion that the company was for sale. A spokesman said: "Nothing could be further from the truth. If the business was available then the deal with Ladbroke might have gone ahead."

However, the attractions of Granada's strong cash flow generated from its television rental business has not escaped the City's notice. It is also a member of the winning Channel Tunnel consortium and will provide the catering facilities at the Kent terminal.

Nakasone promises change

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Japan has reacted to intense pressure from Europe and the United States, with a promise to reshape its domestic economy to include fewer exports and more expansion at home.

The Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, said in an interview with the *Washington Post* that the first of the new market measures would be announced in early spring, following publication in March

Expressing renewed fear of coordinated protectionist actions against Japan, Mr Nakasone said he was convinced his nation must act quickly to avoid "serious consequences".

At the same time, in a seperate interview in Washington, Mr Nobour Takeshita, the finance minister, stated for the first time publicly that Japan did not intend to intervene further on foreign exchange markets to boost the value of the yen against the dollar.

The Japanese Government, faced with slowing growth this year, has been under strong domestic pressure from exporters to allow the yen to stay put at a ratio of about 200 to the dollar.

IN BRIEF

Mitel share suspension

Dealings in the shares of Mitel, the troubled Canadian telecommunications manufacturers, were suspended on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday after a report in *The Times* suggested that the Monopolies and Mergers commission were about to block a rescue takeover bid by British Telecom.

British Telecom said it had had no indication of what was in the commissions report, nor had it any knowledge of what Mr Leon Britten, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, might decide. Mitel described the *Times* report as speculative.

Mr Britten is under pressure from the Canadian Government to allow the takeover.

Fitch Lovell up

Fitch Lovell, the food manufacturer, lifted profits from £7.02 million to £9.04 million before tax in the six months to October 26. Turnover was down from £241 million to £232 million and the interim dividend raised from 3p to 3.5p.

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Bids for Payless, the do-it-yourself chain being sold by Marley, have to be deposited with the merchant bank, Hill Samuel today. Widespread interest has been shown and offers of up to £100 million are likely for the business, Britain's third largest DIY retailer.

Switch to BBC

Mr Frank Fitzpatrick, aged 46, the general manager of group finance with the Midland Bank, is joining the BBC as director of finance. He succeeds Mr Geoff Buck who retires at the end of April after 27 years.

Bid approach

Campari International, the camping equipment group, said yesterday that an approach had been made which could lead to an offer. The shares closed 5p ahead at 47p, valuing Campari at about £5 million.

Greycoat deal

The Greycoat Group has bought Lutyens House at Finsbury Circus in the City of London from the National Water Council and British Telecom for £30.25 million.

Frogmore chief

The board of Frogmore Estates, the property company, meets today to discuss a replacement chairman for Mr Kenneth Oliver, who died this week. Speculation is mounting that Frogmore may be open to a takeover bid with a price tag of around £72 million.

Progress in tin crisis talks

The London Metal Exchange will today again postpone a decision on when to resume tin trading.

It will do so because of mounting evidence of progress in negotiations for a financial settlement of the crisis.

Banks and brokers, led by Standard Chartered Bank, have held serious if informal discussions with International Tin Council representatives over the past three days about the money required from the various parties to ensure a settlement.

Modifications to the plan proposed to the ITC before Christmas by Mr Peter Graham, senior deputy chairman of Standard Chartered, and Mr Ralph Kestenbaum, managing director of Gerald Metals, have been offered to the council.

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1120.4 (−3.2)
FT All Share	669.78 (−3.77)
FT Govt Securities	80.45 (+0.07)
FT-SE 100	1382.8 (−8.1)
Bargains	23,850
Datastream USM	107.50 (−0.21)
New York	
Dow Jones	1502.98 (+0.69)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12888.94 (−34.38)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1762.29 (+24.35)
Amsterdam:	252.4 (−8.8)
Sydney: AO	1059.9 (−9.1)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1968.9 (−75.8)
Brussels:	
General	799.86 (−17.47)
Paris: CAC	271.3 (n/c)
Zurich:	
SKA General	439.10 (−11.20)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $349.50pm$350.30
close $350.25-350.75(£254.00-254.50)
New York:
Comex (Latest) $350.05

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

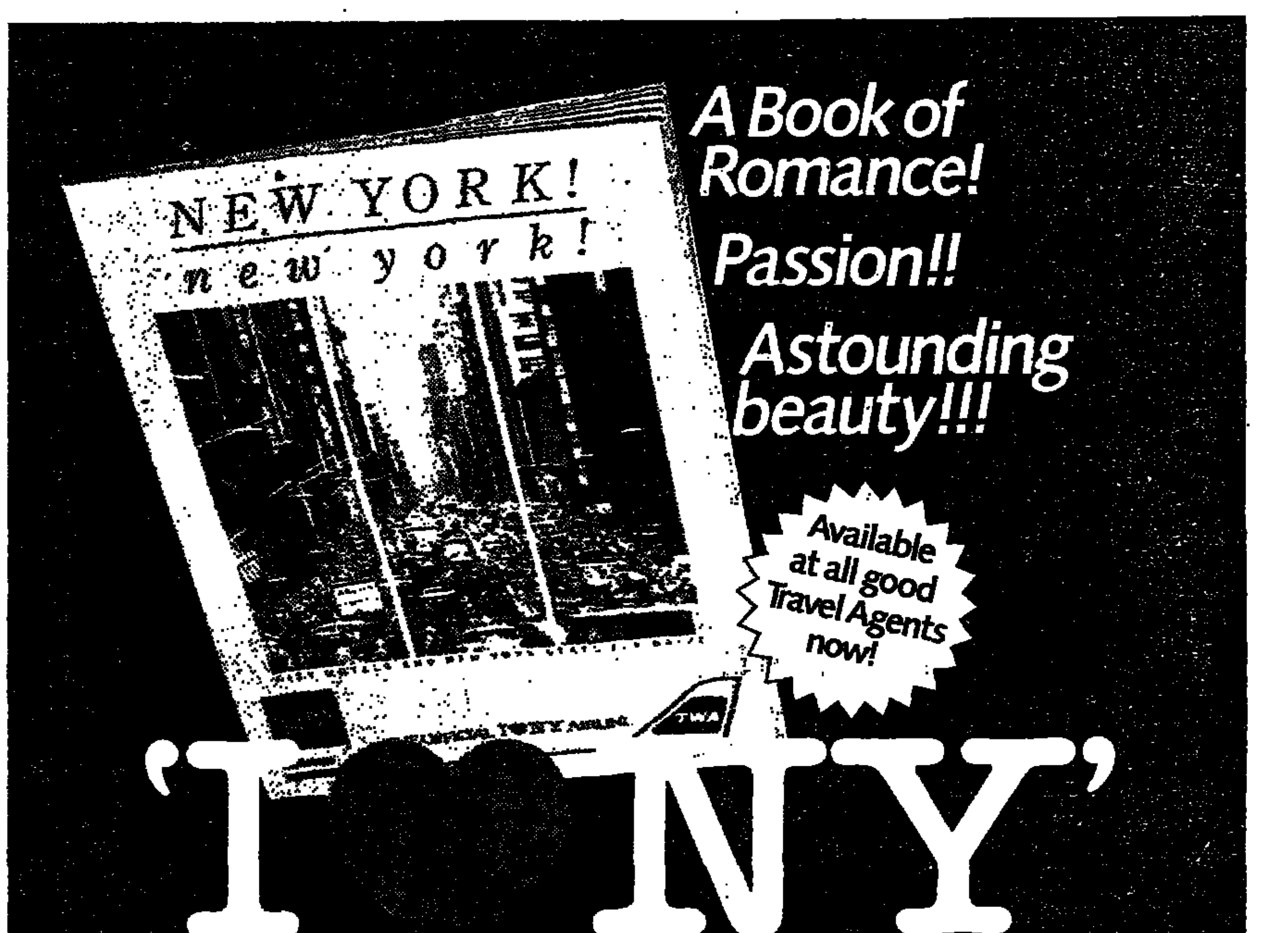
RISES:	
Newman-Tonks	135p +40p
Coats Patons	200p +50p
Westland	123p +28p
Clive Discount	43p +6p
Acorn Computer	62p +8p
Campari Intl	47p +5p
Lyon & Lyon	113p +8p
Whittingtn Eng	145p +10p
Beecham Group	366p +255p
Cooper Inds	30.5p +3p
Slaters Food	150p +10p
Somportex Hldgs	186p +12p
Unigroup	95p +6p
Systems Design	98p +6p
Sovereign Oil	82p +5p
Microvitec	34p +2p
Metal Closures	136p +8p
Frost J.J.&D	85p +5p
Dyson J & J	88p +5p
Shiloh	91p +5p
Saville Gordon	55p +3p
Bryant Derek	285p +15p
Oceonics Group	38p +2p
FALLS:	
Tanjong Tin	125p −25p
Bristol Oil Mrl	7p −1p
Jebsens Drilling	23p −1p
Ferranti	135p −3p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.3837 (−0.0123)
£: DM 3.3906(−0.0205)
£: SwFr 2.8599(−0.0368)
£: FFr 10.3689(−0.1052)
£: Yen 278.51(−2.81)
£ Index: 74.3(−1.0)
New York:
£: $1.3830
$: DM 2.4515
$ Index: 125.8(+0.5)
ECU £0.640721
SDR £0.775926

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 12½%
3-month Interbank 13⅝-13⁹⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 13¼-13%
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7⅞%
3-month Treasury Bills 6.99-6.98%
30-year bond price 104¹¹⁄₃₂-104¹³⁄₃₂



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WALL STREET

	Jan 22	Jan 21
AMR	45	44¾
ASA	38⅞	39¾
Allied Signal	45½	45¾
Allied Stores	70⅞	71⅞
Allis Chalmers	4	4
Alcoa	38¾	38⅞
Amax Inc	14¼	14⅝
Amerada Hess	24⅞	25¾
Am Brands	65⅝	65⅝
Am Broadcast	121½	121½
Am Can	64½	64½
Am Cyanamid	58⅝	60
Am Elec Power	23½	23½
Am Express	51	51¼
Am Home	63⅞	65
Am Motors	2⅞	3
Am Standard	38¾	39½
Am Telephone	22	22½
Amoco	58¾	59
Armco Steel	9⅛	9⅛
Asarco	20	20½
Ashland Oil	38⅞	40⅛
Atlntc Richfield	55⅞	57¼
Avon Products	26⅝	26⅝
Bankers Tst NY	68½	70¾
Bankamerica	13	12¼
Bank of Boston	59½	60¼
Bank of NY	50	51¼
Baxter Trav	16	16⅛
Beatrice Foods	42⅝	42½
Bethlehem Steel	17	17
Boeing	47¼	48
Boise Cascade	46¼	46½
Borden	50⅝	50⅝
Borg Warner	24⅛	24⅜
Bristol Myers	60⅝	61½
BP	31	31¼
Burlington Ind	30⅝	30⅜
Burlington Nthn	70	70⅝
Burroughs	63⅝	64½
Campbell Soup	44¾	46¼
Canadian Pacific	12½	12½
Caterpillar	43⅛	43⅛
Celanese	142¼	145
Central SW	27¼	27⅞
Champion	25	25¼
Chase Manhat	70	74½
Chem Bank NY	42	44¼
Chevron	34⅞	35
Chrysler	41⅞	41⅞
Citicorp	47⅞	49½
Clark Equip	26⅝	26⅞
Coca Cola	77	78¼
Colgate	30⅝	30½
CBS	111½	113¼
Columbia Gas	37½	37⅞
Combustion Eng	32⅞	33⅞
Comwlth Edison	29¼	29¼
Cons Edison	37⅛	38¼
Cons Nat Gas	44⅛	45½
Cons Power	9⅞	10⅛
Control Data	19⅞	20⅛
Corning Glass	65¼	65
CPC Intl	50⅛	50⅛
Crane	38½	39
Crown Zeller	40½	40½
Dart & Kraft	40	40¼
Deere	29⅞	29¾
Delta Air	41⅝	42
Detroit Edison	16⅛	16½
Digital Equip	144⅝	149¼
Disney	116½	117¼
Dow Chemical	41⅝	41⅞
Dresser Ind	17	16⅞
Duke Power	36½	36¼
Du Pont	60⅝	61½
Eastern Air	5⅛	4⅞
Eastman Kodak	47¼	47⅛
Eaton Corp	67¼	67¼
Emerson Elect	78⅝	79
Emery Air Frgt	17½	16⅞

	Jan 22	Jan 21
Exxon Corp	49¾	50¼
Fed Dept Stores	55⅞	56⅝
Firestone	23⅝	25
Fst Chicago	27	27⅝
Fst Inter Bncp	52	52⅝
Fst Penn Corp	7⅞	8
Ford	60¼	59⅞
GAF Corp	55⅞	56⅝
GTE Corp	46¼	46⅝
Gen Corp	69⅞	70⅝
Gen Dynamics	57¼	67
Gen Electric	67⅞	68⅛
Gen Inst	19½	18⅝
Gen Mills	57⅞	58⅝
Gen Motors	70⅛	69⅞
Gen Pub Util NY	19	18⅝
Genesco	3⅜	3⅜
Georgia Pacific	26	26⅝
Gillette	70⅝	71⅛
Goodrich	33	33⅝
Goodyear	30⅝	31
Gould Inc	27½	28⅛
Grace	52¼	52
Gt Atlc & Pacific	19⅛	20¼
Greyhound	31⅞	30⅞
Grumman Corp	27⅛	28¼
Gulf & West	49	48⅝
Heinz H J.	29½	30
Hercules	39¼	39⅝
Hewlett-Pkrd	39¼	40⅝
Honeywell	74⅛	74⅜
IC Inds	36⅝	36⅛
Ingersoll	54½	54½
Inland Steel	22⅞	22⅝
IBM	144¼	149⅝
Int Harvester	8⅞	8⅞
INCO	13⅜	13⅜
Int Paper	49⅞	50⅝
Int Tel Tel	36⅞	37⅜
Irving Bank	41⅞	44¼
Jim Walter	42⅛	42½
Johnson & John	49⅞	51
Kaiser Alumin	16⅛	16⅝
Kerr McGee	29⅝	30⅛
Kimberly Clark	70⅛	70⅞
K Mart	35⅛	35¼
Kroger	45⅛	46⅛
LTV Corp	6⅛	6⅜
Litton	77⅛	77⅞
Lockheed	44⅞	45⅛
Lucky Stores	24⅞	24⅞
Manuf Hanover	42⅞	45⅛
Manville Cp	7	6⅞
Mapco	37⅜	37⅞
Marine Midland	39⅞	40⅝
Martin Marietta	32⅞	33⅛
Masco	41⅛	41⅞
McDonnell	72½	73
Mead	43	44⅛
Merck	136¼	137⅞
Minnesota Mng	89¼	89⅛
Mobil Oil	29⅛	29¾
Monsanto	46	46½
Morgan J. P.	60	61⅝
Motorola	36⅝	37½
NCR Corp	41½	42¼
NL Industries	14½	13⅝
Nat Distillers	34⅞	35
Nat Med Ent	21½	22
Nat Semicndctr	12½	13
Norfolk South	78	78⅛
NW Bancorp	28½	28⅞
Occidental Pet	27⅞	27⅞
Ogden	29½	29⅝
Olin Corp	37¼	36½
Owens-Illinois	55	55½
Pacific Gas Elec	19½	19¼
Pan Am	7⅞	7⅞
Penney J. C.	54⅜	55⅛
Pennzoil	67	67
Pepsico	66⅞	68½

	Jan 22	Jan 21
Pfizer	47½	47¾
Phelps Dodge	25	25½
Philip Morris	90	90⅞
Phillips Petrol	11½	11¼
Polaroid	47⅛	47⅛
PPG Ind	48½	47⅞
Procter Gamble	66	66⅝
Pub Ser E & Gas	31⅝	31⅞
Raytheon	54	54⅛
RCA Corp	61½	62⅞
Reynolds Ind	31⅝	31⅞
Reynolds Metal	38⅛	38⅜
Rockwell Int	35	35⅛
Royal Dutch	61½	61⅞
Safeways	34⅞	35⅛
Sara Lee	45	47⅞
SFE Sopac	36	36⅞
SCM	73½	73⅞
Schlumberger	32½	33¼
Scott Paper	50	50⅛
Seagram	42⅛	44¼
Sears Roebuck	36⅞	37
Shell Trans	35⅛	36⅞
Singer	38	38⅞
Smithkline Beck	76⅞	75⅞
Sony	20	19⅝
Sth Cal Edison	25⅞	25⅝
Sperry Corp	48¼	48½
Std Oil Ohio	45¼	45⅞
Sterling Drug	37⅝	38¼
Stevens J P	28	28½
Sun Comp	44	45⅞
Teledyne	309½	309¾
Tenneco	38⅛	39
Texaco	27⅞	29½
Texas East Corp	35⅛	35
Texas Inst	106½	108
Texas Utilities	30	30⅛
Textron	49⅞	49⅛
Travelers Corp	46	45⅜
TRW Inc	84⅛	85⅛
UAL Inc	52⅝	52⅝
Unilever NV	142⅞	144
Union Carbide	79	75⅞
Un Pacific Corp	49½	50⅝
United Brands	24⅝	24½
US Steel	23½	23½
Utd Technol	45	45⅝
Unocal	24⅛	25⅛
Warner Comms	39	38⅝
Warner Lambert	46¼	46⅝
Wells Fargo	54½	57
Westinghse Elec	42⅝	44
Weyerhauser	30⅛	31
Whirlpool	49⅝	49⅛
Woolworth	58½	59
Xerox Corp	56⅝	59⅝
Zenith	18⅝	18⅛

CANADIAN PRICES

	Jan 22	Jan 21
Abitibi	16⅛	16
Alcan Alumin	41⅝	42½
Algoma Steel	20	20
Bell Telephone	37⅞	39⅛
Can Pacific	17½	15⅞
Cominco	12⅝	13⅛
Cons Bathurst	19½	19½
Gulf Oil	20½	20¼
Hawker/Sid Can	21⅝	21½
Hudson Bay Min	7⅛	7⅛
Imasco	26¼	26⅝
Imperial Oil	46	47
Int Pipe	43⅛	42¼
Mass.-Fergsn	2.95	3.00
Royal Trustco	22⅛	22¼
Seagram	60¼	62⅝
Steel Co	23⅝	23⅝
Thomson N 'A'	22½	22⅞
Walker Hiram	30⅛	30⅞
WCT	16⅝	16½

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Slump into fourth day

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street's slump continued for a fourth day with stock prices moving lower in active early trading yesterday.

Oil issues were lower as concerns about a sharp drop in crude prices worried investors. Bank issues also continued lower on concern about energy loans.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down three points to 1499. Declines led advances by a three-two margin.

Merrill Lynch led the actives, down 1⅝ to 41⅝. The stock had been rising on takeover speculation since early this month. Sources at Merrill Lynch said there did not appear to be any truth in the rumours.

● Personal income in the US in December increased a seasonally adjusted 1.4 per cent from the previous month, the Commerce Department said.

Personal income rose $46.6 billion last month to an adjusted $3,394 billion annual rate after rising a revised 0.4 per cent, or $16.7 billion in the previous an adjusted $3.347 billion.

The Commerce Department previously reported a 0.6 per cent increase for November.

The number of initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 431,000 in the week ending January 11, from 356,000, the Labour Department said.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 86	86.34	86.57	86.32	86.46	4868
Jun 86	87.00	87.15	86.94	87.10	542
Sep 86	87.63	87.72	87.53	87.72	247
Dec 86	87.93	88.00	87.90	88.02	165
Previous day's total open interest 11087					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 86	91.93	91.97	91.90	91.93	5060
Jun 86	91.77	91.80	91.73	91.75	765
Sep 86	91.54	91.58	91.50	91.53	810
Dec 86	91.29	91.29	91.28	91.29	36
Previous day's total open interest 21080					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 86	83-13	83-24	83-04	83-17	7213
Jun 86	NT			82-11	0
Sep 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 3812					
Short Gilt					
Mar 86	94-15	94-35	94-05	94-08	712
Jun 86	NT			94-38	0
Sep 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1295					
Long Gilt					
Mar 86	107-22	108-05	107-01	107-10	7438
Jun 86	NT			108-04	0
Sep 86	NT			108-03	0
Previous day's total open interest 7265					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 86	139.60	140.30	138.40	139.20	531
Jun 86	NT			140.70	0
Previous day's total open interest 2037					

COMMODITIES

The falling pound and collapsing oil prices dominated the markets yesterday. Metals did not benefit from sterling's weakness as much as might have been expected, and contangos widened to the equivalent of a 15 per cent interest rate as metal was dumped.

Coffee was very strong again and cocoa was quite buoyant, partly because of the pound. Sugar also advanced.

Gold closed at exactly the same price as the day before.

But the real action was in oil, where healthy volumes were seen, and in financials. Currency and interest rate contracts were heavily traded.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.

G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
All months unquoted.
Vol .... nil

SUGAR (Raw)

Mar	155.40-00
May	163.40-00
Aug	167.00-bid
Oct	172.40-72.00
Dec	unq
Mar	unq
Vol	2,659

SUGAR (White)
All months unquoted
Vol: nil.

COCOA

Mar	1,747-45
May	1,749-47
Sep	1,797-95
Dec	1,816-15
Mar	1,833-30
May	1,850-43
Vol	3,234

COFFEE

Jan	2,435-10
Mar	2,495-90
May	2,570-60
Jul	2,625-20
Sep	2,705-00
Nov	2,780-70
Jan	2,820-29
Vol	6,805

SOYABEAN

Feb	137.0-35.0
Apr	138.0-37.8
Jun	136.0-35.7
Aug	133.5-32.6
Oct	134.0-33.6
Dec	135.0-34.0
Feb	136.5-34.6
Vol	4,456

GAS OIL

Feb	173.00-72.75
Mar	170.50-70.00
Apr	168.00-67.00
May	170.00-69.25
Jun	170.00-69.50
Jly	175.00-60.50
Aug	175.00-60.50
Sept	180.00-78.00
Oct	185.00-81.00
Vol	5,584

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 1011.00
Three months 1043.00-1044.00
Vol 6325
Tone .... Steadier.

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 990.00-995.00
Three months 1031.00-1033.00
Vol .... nil.
Tone .... Idle

TIN STANDARD
SUSPENDED.

LEAD
Cash 263.00-264.00
Three months 276.25-276.50
Vol 3525
Tone .... steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 430.00-440.00
Vol .... nil.
Tone .... Idle.

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 459.50-460.50
Three months 477.50-478.00
Vol 3300
Tone .... steadier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 440.0-441.0
Three months 454.5-455.5
Vol .... nil
Tone .... Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 440.0-441.0
Three months 454.5-455.5
Vol .... nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 790.50-791.50
Three months 822.50-823.50
Vol 9625
Tone .... firm

NICKEL
Cash 2830-2840
Three months 2910-2915
Vol 456
Tone .... steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 23

GB: Cattle, 95.32p per kg lw (-1.36).
GB: Sheep, 172.46p per kg est d c w (-11.75).
GB: Pigs, 74.58p per kg lw (+1.06).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 9.6 per cent, ave. price, 95.68p (-1.23).
Sheep nos. down 6.7 per cent, ave. price, 172.34p (-13.22).
Pig nos. down 9.9 per cent, ave. price, 74.55p (+1.13).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 4.1 per cent, ave. price, 93.53p (-1.96).
Sheep nos. down 13.3 per cent, ave. price, 172.98p (-6.60).
Pig nos. up 41.9 per cent, ave. price, 75.51p (-2.06).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	£117.35	£115.40
May	£121.25	£118.20
Jul	£123.00	
Sep	£101.00	£99.30
Nov	£104.00	£102.70

Jan expired at 12 noon
Volume:
Wheat 348
Barley 183

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	97.0
Mar	unq.	95.0
Apr	unq.	95.0
May	unq.	94.0
Jun	unq.	95.0
Jul	unq.	95.0
Aug	unq.	95.0
Sep	unq.	93.0
Oct	unq.	98.0
Nov	unq.	98.0

February Vol.4

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.6	101.6
Apr	102.9	102.1
Jun	101.3	100.6
Aug	99.3	99.0
Oct	105.5	104.9
Nov	106.4	106.2

Vol.45

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	80.5	78.0
Apr	94.5	93.8
May	101.7	98.9
Nov	78.5	77.5
Feb	84.5	86.5

Vol.479

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan	889.0-889.0	889.5
Apr	942.0-939.0	942.0
Jul	817.0-816.0	817.0
Oct	913.0-913.0	913.0
Jan	—	917.5
Apr	—	994.5
Jul	—	847.5
Oct	--	957.5

Spot: 892
Vol: 13 lots.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound came under attack once again yesterday as oil prices continued to slip on the Rotterdam spot market.

With March Brent crude as low as $17.40 a barrel by the close, sterling ended just off the bottom at $1.3837, against $1.3960 at the previous close.

The pound's value against the mark declined dramatically to 3.3905 (3.4111), while its trade-weighted index lost a full point to 74.3.

The currency markets opened in nervous mood.

But the rot really set in with a statement by Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, that a price of $15 a barrel was likely if the Opec and non-Opec producing countries did not co-operate.

This began to look like a self-fulfilling prophecy, and the pound immediately slumped.

It slipped further to a low of 1.3755 before rallying a touch

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 23	Market rates close January 23	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3756-1.4035	$1.3830-1.3845	0.54-0.51c prem	1.88-1.83c prem
Montreal	$1.9354-1.9614	$1.9354-1.9389	0.54-0.45c prem	1.64-1.33c prem
Amsterdam	3.8019-3.8544fl	3.8019-3.8034fl	2⅛-2½c prem	7⅛-7⅛c prem
Brussels	69.96-69.95f	68.95-69.10f	23-15c prem	55-45c prem
Copenhagen	12.4137-12.5849k	12.4137-12.4341k	5⅛-4⅝ore prem	13⅛-12⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.115-1.1350p	1.1135-1.1145p	2-24p disc	2-55p disc
Frankfurt	3.3658-3.4371m	3.3834-3.3927m	2⅝-2⅛pf prem	7⅝-7⅛pf prem
Lisbon	217.31-221.55e	217.31-219.93e	105-335e disc	265-1025e disc
Madrid	211.80-214.64p	211.80-212.17p	50-10c prem	105 prem-15p disc
Milan	2298.19-2334.87lr	2299.19-2304.45lr	4-10lr disc	19-26lr disc
Oslo	10.4553-10.5938k	10.4590-10.4842k	⅛-⅜ore disc	1⅛-1⅝ore disc
Paris	10.3558-10.5049f	10.3598-10.3780f	3⅝-3c prem	4⅝-3⅝c prem
Stockholm	10.5197-10.6654k	10.5197-10.5445k	⅛-⅛ore prem	2⅝-1⅞ore prem
Tokyo	278.29-281.85y	278.25-278.73y	1⅝-1⅛y prem	4⅝-4⅛y prem
Vienna	23.70-24.09sch	23.70-23.74sch	14⅛-10⅞gro prem	42-37⅞gro prem
Zurich	2.8573-2.9002f	2.8573-2.8625f	2⅝-2⅛c prem	6⅞-6⅛c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 1.0 at 74.3 (day's range 75.8-74.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1064-1.1086
Australia dollar	1.9373-1.9417
Bahrain dinar	0.5175-0.5215
Brazil cruzeiro	16001.00-16095.00
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland markka	7.5350-7.5750
Greece drachma	204.75-205.75
Hong Kong dollar	10.8060-10.8130
India rupee	17.10-17.30
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3980-0.4020
Malaysia dollar	3.4172-3.4225
Mexico peso	588.41-638.41
New Zealand dollar	2.6942-2.7088
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.0125-5.0525
Singapore dollar	2.9537-2.9597
South Africa rand	3.1443-3.1610
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.0425-5.0825

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2380-1.2395
Singapore	2.1350-2.1370
Malaysia	2.4700-2.4720
Australia	0.7130-0.7140
Canada	1.4055-1.4065
Sweden	7.6375-7.6425
Norway	7.5900-7.5950
Denmark	9.0050-9.0100
West Germany	2.4508-2.4518
Switzerland	2.0737-2.0752
Netherlands	2.7600-2.7615
France	7.5150-7.5250
Japan	201.50-202.00
Italy	1669.00-1670.00
Belgium (Comm)	50.00-50.05
Hong Kong	7.8110-7.8130
Portugal	158.50-159.00
Spain	153.75-153.85
Austria	17.20-17.22

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Rates were again fully firm at the close yesterday at levels discounting at least 13½ per cent base rates.

Day-to-day money was around 11¼-11 per cent for much of the session, but fell away to 5½ per cent in the afternoon before closing around 6 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 12½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11 Low 5
Week fixed: 12-11

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	13⅛	2 months	13⅛
3 months	13⅛	3 months	13⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅝-13	2 months	13⅝-13⅛
3 months	13⅛-13	6 months	12⅞-12¹¹⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	14	2 months	13⅝
3 months	13⅛	6 months	13½

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11¼-11 close 6

1 week	12½-12¼	6 months	13⅝-13⅝
1 month	13½-13¼	9 months	13⅜-13⅛
3 months	13½-13⅜	12 months	13⅛-13⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	11¼	7 days	12
1 month	13	3 months	13¼
6 months	13	12 months	12⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	13⅞-13⅝	2 months	13½-13½
3 months	13¾-13½	6 months	13⅝-13½
9 months	13⅝-13½	12 months	13⅝-13½

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	13½-13¼	3 months	13⅝-13⅜
6 months	13½-13¼	12 months	13⅛-12⅞

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.00-7.95	3 months	8.00-7.95
6 months	8.05-8.00	12 months	8.20-8.15

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛-7⅞
7 days	8-7¹³⁄₁₆	1 month	8⅛-8
3 months	8⅝-8⅛	6 months	8⅝-8⅛
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4⅝-4½	1 month	4⅝-4½
3 months	4⅝-4½	6 months	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆
French Franc		call	10-9
7 days	9⅛-8⅞	1 month	9⅞-9⅝
3 months	12⅛-12⅝	6 months	12⅛-12⅞
Swiss Franc		call	2½-1½
7 days	10½-10¼	1 month	4⅛-4⅛
3 months	4⅛-4⅛	6 months	4⅛-4⅛
Yen		call	7-6
7 days	7⅛-7	1 month	7⅛-7⅛
3 months	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	6 months	6⅞-6½

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$351.50-353.00 (£255.00-256.00)
Sovereigns* (new):
$84.50-85.50 (£61.25-62.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 4 December, 1985 to 7 January, 1986, inclusive: 11.838 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %	
101	87	Alsa	95	..	2.6	2.7	..
598	580	Alliance	583	-2	28.1n	3.9	..
155	118	Amer Trust	134	+2	4.3	3.2	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	287	..	8.1	2.8	..
152	122	Ashdown	150	..	4.4	3.0	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	108	-1	0.8	0.7	..
104	83	Bankers	101 ●	+3	3.3b	3.3	..
194	152	Berry	180	..	1.5	0.8	..
130	152	Border & Sthrn	185	-1	5.1	2.7	..
57	47½	Br Assets	54½	..	2.7	5.0	..
33⅝	25	Br Empire Sec	32 ●	..	0.7	2.2	..
374	312	British Inv	369 ●	+1	20.9b	5.7	..
83	64	Brunner	82	+1½	3.1b	3.8	..
89	72	Charter Agency	83	..	3.3b	4.0	..
685	525	Continental	645 ●	..	30.0b	4.7	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	143	+2	1.1	0.8	..
115	97	Derby Inc	115	+2	10.9	9.5	..
127	95	Do Cap	110	-3	..	..	..
330	254	Drayton Cons	314	-1	14.3	4.6	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	135	+1	1.6	1.2	..
450	348	Drayton Japan	430	+2	3.6e	0.8	..
528	363	Drayton Premier	514	+1	18.2	3.5	..
189	160	Dundee Lon	176	-1	7.7	4.4	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	105	..	0.6	0.6	..
129⅝	103	Edinburgh	120	..	4.9b	3.9	..
302	254	Electric Gen	289 ●	..	5.8b	1.9	..
142	114	English Intl	138 ●	-1	5.0	3.7	..
79	65	English Scot	76	..	1.9	2.4	..
114	91	English NY	112	-1	3.5	3.2	..
124	85	Ensign	123 ●	..	..	..	..
97	78	F & C Alliance	88 ●	..	2.5	2.8	..
158	122	F&C Pacific	147	+1	1.8b	1.2	..
248	186	Family	238	..	11.3b	4.8	..
295	242	First Scot Amer	289	..	12.8b	4.4	..
185	88	First Un Gen	100	..	8.7	8.7	..
590	415	Fleming American	490	+2	7.5	1.5	..
303	235	Fleming Claver	297	+1	14.5	4.9	..
298	233	Fleming Enterprise	298	..	12.1	4.2	..
109	78	Fleming Far East	86½ ●	+1	1.5	1.7	..
113	100	Fleming Fledgling	110	..	3.6	3.2	..
560	405	Fleming Japan	488 ●	..	5.7	1.2	..
132	106	Fleming Mercantile	124 ●	-½	4.3	3.5	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	125 ●	+1	3.9	3.1	..
163	130	Fleming Tech	145	..	3.3	2.3	..
338	268	Fleming Universal	328	-3	7.1b	2.1	..
74	59	For Col	71	..	2.0b	2.8	..
121	91	GBC Capital	92½ ●	..	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	120	+1	2.0	1.7	..
144	97	General Funds	142	..	2.7	1.9	..
259	200	General Cons	275	-3	14.3b	5.2	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	115	..	2.8b	2.5	..

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %	
308	251	Globe	298 ●	..	14.5	4.9	..
270	202	Greenfriar	244	-4	2.4	1.0	..
275	220	Gresham House	230	..	6.3	2.7	..
171	138	Hambros	163 ●	+1	6.1	3.8	..
282	229	Hill (P)	264 ●	..	13.8	5.2	..
548	448	Invest-in Success	545	-3	7.8	1.4	..
254	208	Inv Cap	245	..	5.2b	2.1	..
62	41	Japan Assets	45½	+½	0.1	0.2	..
161½	127	Lake View	142	+2	3.3b	2.3	..
193	162	Law Debenture	190	..	8.6b	4.5	..
86	60	Lon Merchant Sec	60 ●	-2	3.2	5.4	..
89	66	Lon Trust	68	-1	6.1e	8.9	..
107	85	Merchants	104	..	5.4b	5.2	..
174	133	Monks	166 ●	..	3.4b	2.1	..
138	108	Murray Income	129 ●	+1	7.7b	6.0	..
144	112	Murray Intl	138	-1	6.4n	4.7	..
230	163	Murray Small	203	+2	3.7b	1.8	..
338	298	Murray Venture	318	..	7.9	2.5	..
406	354	New Court	391 ●	+1	20.4	5.2	..
77	61	New Darien Oil	64	-1	0.5	0.7	..
178	153	1928	158	..	6.7	4.2	..
54	37	Nthrog Inc £3	50½ ●	..	4.2b	8.3	..
243	157	New Tokyo	193	+3	1.4e	0.7	..
324	246	Nth Atlantic Sec	280 ●	..	4.5	1.7	..
123	74½	Nth Sea Assets	77	..	0.7	0.9	..
286	227	Nthn Amer	284	+1	7.7	2.7	..
148	128	Outwich	145	+1	4.4	3.1	..
101	62	Pacific Assets	70	+1	..	..	..
43	30	Do Wrnts	33	..	..	..	..
46	32	Personal Assets	38	..	0.3	0.8	..
367	292	Raeburn	348	-2	14.1b	4.0	..
161	125	River & Merc	143	+1	7.9b	5.3	..
244	188	River Plate	221	+1	10.7	4.8	..
215	188	Robeco	213	..	..	..	..
189	150	Rolinco	185	+2	..	..	..
290	228	Romney	268	-2	6.6b	2.5	..
12¾	10	Rorento	£12⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
119	96	St Andrews	117	..	4.1	3.5	..
318	235	Scottish	302 ●	..	8.5	2.8	..
285	211	Scot American	273	..	8.4	4.1	..
94	73	Scot Eastern	89½	-½	2.9b	3.2	..
418	345	Scot Mtge	409	..	10.7b	2.5	..
268	204	Scot Nat	248 ●	+1	6.9	2.8	..
415	354½	Scot Merc 'A'	413 ●	..	25.0	6.1	..
596	500	Secnd Alliance	570	-3	23.2	4.1	..
143	108	Sec Of Scotland	137	..	6.9b	5.0	..
78	61	Smaller Cos	67	..	1.7b	3.6	..
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	37½	..	0.6	1.5	..
146	110	Stockholders	126 ●	-1	4.0	3.1	..
100	78	Tr Australia	85 ●	..	3.1	3.6	..
103	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	97 ●	..	5.6b	5.7	..

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P. E
164	137	Tr Ind & Gen	161 ●	..	5.4b	3.4	..
255	197½	Tr Natural Res	207 ●	..	10.7	5.2	..
111	79	Tr North America	91	..	2.6b	2.9	..
149½	111	Tr Pacific Basin	120	..	1.4b	1.2	..
152	129	Tr Property	141 ●	-1	5.3	3.6	..
101	79	Tr Tech	94	..	2.5	2.6	..
152	124	Tr Trustees	140 ●	..	6.3b	4.5	..
145	111	Temple Bar	138	-1	7.1b	5.0	..
264	211	Throgmorton	243	..	10.7b	4.4	..
333	248	Throg Secured Cap	303	..	..	..	..
167	131	Trans Oceanic	159 ●	..	5.5	3.5	..
120	103	Tribune	113	+1	3.3	2.9	..
82½	72½	Triplevest Inc	80	..	14.7	18.4	..
235	183	US Debenture	218	-1	9.3b	4.3	..
82	53½	Viking Resources	59 ●	-1½	1.7	2.3	..
86	61	Westpool	67	-2	2.2	3.2	..
110	64	Winterbottom Energy	87	..	3.3	3.9	..
172	133	Witan	163 ●	..	4.2	2.6	..
290	259	Yeoman	287	..	13.6b	4.7	..

Financial Trusts

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P. E
575	260	Akroyd & Smithers	535 ●	-5	25.0	4.7	13.0
57⅝	29¾	American Express	£38¼ ●	+⅝	..	..	16.5
43	19	Argyle	33	..	..	..	..
85	37	Boustead	37	..	..	..	..
155	58	Britannia Arrow	138	-1	6.0	4.4	15.4
15⅞	8¾	Daily Mail	£14½ ●	+¼	89.3	4.2	16.2
14⅝	8½	Do 'A'	£12½ ●	..	69.3	5.5	..
142	113	Electra	133 ●	..	5.4	4.1	33.8
101	73	Eng Trust	92	..	..	..	..
248	176	Erco	194	+2	4.5	2.3	19.5
85	60	Exploration	70	..	3.0	4.3	12.4
436½	350	Framlington	375	..	7.1	1.9	17.4
96	58	Frost Gp	85 ●	+5	5.7	6.7	11.9
105	44	Goode (D & M)	86	-1	1.8	1.9	16.7
510½	378	Henderson Admin	995 ●	+5	25.7b	2.6	14.2
166	155	ICH	163	-3	..	..	..
455	330	MAI	325	..	22.5	7.0	6.5
675	368	M & G	765	..	19.3	2.5	30.4
339	217	Mercantile House	224	..	18.6	8.3	7.9
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	77	..	0.5	0.6	70.6
41	16	Do Warrants	18	..	..	..	..
211	93	Smith Brothers	168 ●	-1	9.3	5.6	19.3

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	104.8	110.5	+0.3	10.86
High Inc Equity	76.9	81.8	-0.3	6.05
Worldwide Bond	169.6	181.7	+2.8	5.34
American Growth	140.6	149.5	-0.8	2.37
Asian Pacific	43.9	47.1	+0.2	2.65
Assets & Earns	80.8	85.5	+0.2	1.71
Capital Reserve	60.4	60.7	..	..
Comm & Energy	70.3	75.3	+0.2	1.60
European Capital	71.7	76.2	+0.2	1.97
General	115.4	123.4●	-1.0	3.14
Japan	52.3	55.9 s	-0.5	..
UK Growth Inc	75.0	80.6	-0.1	1.91
Do Accum	107.3	115.3	-0.3	..
US Emerging Co's	56.1	60.3	+0.1	0.43
Equities Progress	159.6	180.6	-0.8	3.39
Mastertst Acc	52.0	55.4	+0.2	1.87
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
First Trust	185.1	197.1	-0.9	3.88
Growth & Income	112.3	119.9	-0.6	3.94
Capital Trust	197.8	210.7	-0.8	3.12
Balanced	299.2	318.6●	-2.2	3.60
Accum Trust	467.3	497.0	-1.5	3.34
American Income	29.0	30.9 c	..	4.21
High Income Tst	205.2	218.5	-1.4	5.30
Equity Income	110.3	117.4	-0.8	5.78
High Yield	119.2	126.9	-0.6	6.53
Govt Secs Trust	27.3	29.4	-0.1	10.14
International	65.9	70.2●	..	1.42
Japan Fund	67.1	71.5	+0.9	0.01
Pacific Trust	121.7	129.9	+1.7	1.38
Amer Spcl Sits	60.4	64.3	-0.2	1.28
Secs Of Amer Tst	182.4	194.2	-0.3	0.72
Ald Asset Value	182.6	194.5	-1.5	4.00
Gilt Growth	32.7	34.0	-0.2	1.32
Smaller Co's	99.0	105.4●	+0.1	2.91
2nd Smaller Co's	132.7	141.3	-0.2	2.84
Recovery Trust	64.4	68.6	-0.3	2.73
Met Min & Cmdty	79.8	85.0	-0.7	2.33
O'seas Earnings	156.5	166.7	-5.7	3.58
Technology Tst	83.2	88.6	-0.2	1.30
Income Exempt	100.9	107.0	-0.5	6.84
Exempt Smaller Co's	184.5	195.9	-0.1	2.20
USA Exempt Trust	293.8	311.2	+1.4	1.14
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES				
131 Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY				
01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	48.1	51.4	-0.3	2.04
Do Accum	53.7	57.4	-0.4	2.04
Eastern & Intl	98.5	105.3	+1.6	1.31
Do 6% Withdrawl	54.3	58.0	+0.9	1.91
Finance & Property	50.8	54.3	-0.2	2.68
Gilt & Fixed Income	43.7	45.9 c	+0.2	9.43
Do Accum	70.4	74.1 c	+0.3	9.43
High Income Income	80.2	84.3 c	-0.5	6.32
Do Accum	138.2	147.8 c	..	8.32
High Yield Income	62.2	66.5	-0.4	8.72
Do Accum	158.8	169.8	-1.2	8.72
Intl Inc	82.5	86.8	+0.1	2.82
Do Acc	53.8	58.2	+0.1	2.90
Do 5% Withdrwl	80.6	84.8	+0.1	2.82
Managed Fund	53.0	55.8	-0.5	..
Preference Income	25.0	27.8	..	11.62
Do Accum	81.0	86.6	..	11.62
Smaller Co's Income	104.6	111.8	-0.5	2.82
Do Accum	112.7	120.5	-0.5	2.82
World Penny Share	3.5	9.0	..	1.63
Portfolio Tst UK	64.7	67.0	-0.4	1.90
Portfolio Tst Japan	62.3	64.5	+0.6	0.10
Portfolio Tst US	68.9	71.3	..	1.19
Portfolio Tst Europe	65.5	68.6	-0.5	0.10
Portfolio Tst HK	42.8	44.3	+1.1	0.10
ATLANTA FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
15 Moorgate, London EC2R 6EL				
01-628 1711				
International (3)	67.4	72.4	..	1.39
Do Accum (3)	87.0	93.5	..	1.39
High Income (3)	84.2	89.0	..	7.02
World Energy (3)	13.6	14.8	-0.1	3.26
Do Accum (3)	19.1	20.5	-0.1	3.26
Inv Trust (3)	103.3	111.1	..	2.84
Do Accum (3)	152.6	164.1	..	2.84
BAILLIE GIFFORD				
3 Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY				
031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	352.8	368.0	..	1.39
Japan Ex (43)	245.1	255.4 e	..	0.34
UK Ex (31)	177.2	186.5	..	1.49
Pnsl Pens Intl	368.8	388.2	..	..
P'sal Pens UK	181.2	189.6	..	..
BG America	142.3	151.4	+0.3	0.63
BG Energy	106.5	113.4	+0.1	1.60
BG Income Growth	158.5	168.7	-0.5	5.33
BG Japan	109.7	116.8	+0.8	..
BG Technology	153.2	163.0	+0.7	2.08
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS				
25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-491 0295				
American	43.6	46.7●	-0.1	4.96
Australian	19.7	21.1	+0.1	0.48
Japan & General	66.4	71.1	+0.9	1.39
High Income	39.1	41.9	-0.2	8.63
International Trust	65.1	69.7	+0.5	2.80
Income Growth Trust	40.2	43.0 c	-0.2	4.78
Gilt & Fixed Int	19.1	20.5●	..	12.11
Global Markets	30.6	32.8	+0.3	1.39
Special Situations	35.4	37.9	..	2.47
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7				
01-534 5544				
America	79.8	84.8	+0.1	2.47
Aust Accum	144.4	153.6	-0.9	1.81
Do Income	102.1	108.6	-0.5	1.81
Capital	58.8	62.5	-0.5	3.50
Exempt Trust	349.8	371.9	-2.5	4.53
Extra Income	58.3	62.0	..	6.53
Financial	194.3	206.7	-0.9	3.72
500	219.3	229.8	-0.7	3.77
General	115.6	122.9	-0.4	3.63
Gilt & Fixed Inc	50.1	52.4	-0.5	10.40
Japan & Gen Inc	112.7	120.9	+1.6	0.87
Do Acc	114.9	122.1	+1.7	0.87
Growth Accum	151.3	162.9	-0.8	2.88
Income Trust	268.7	285.6●	-0.5	4.26
Leisure Trust	67.3	72.2●	-0.2	1.89
Special Situations	115.5	123.2	-1.1	2.91
Recovery	156.6	166.3	-0.6	3.13
Trustee Fund	69.1	72.7	-0.3	3.53
Univ Tech Accum	47.1	50.1	+0.4	0.82
Do Income	46.8	49.7	+0.1	0.82
Worldwide Trust	128.9	137.1●	-0.9	1.22
B Tst Inv Fund Acc	257.3	277.9	-1.9	3.93
Do Inc	177.3	188.2	-1.3	3.93
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156 Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
01-658 9002				
Australia	52.3	55.9	-0.8	0.80
Eastern	47.9	51.0	+0.5	0.60
Europe	46.0	49.1 s	-0.3	0.93
German & Inc	53.0	56.9 s	-0.3	2.30
Do Accum	79.6	85.4 s	-0.5	2.30
First Japan	54.5	58.2	+0.9	0.13
Japan Special	66.9	71.2 c	+1.8	0.30
Japan Sunrise	72.0	73.7	+2.0	0.30
First Smaller Co's	59.9	64.8 s		2.70
First Europe	78.3	83.7	+1.0	0.60
First N Amer	45.9	49.9	+0.2	3.40
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT				
59 Gresham St, London EC2P 2DS				
01-595 4433				
[illegible] Inc	110.4	[illegible]	+1.5	2.95
European Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]●	-0.4	1.32
Do Accum	87.3	93.3 s	-0.5	1.29
General Inc	125.0	[illegible]●	-1.2	3.95
Do Accum	173.2	184.0●	+1.8	3.85

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Gilt Yield Inc	105.1	108.4	+0.3	10.07
Do Accum	161.7	166.8	+0.5	10.07
High Yield Inc	69.4	73.8●	+0.2	6.82
Do Accum	135.4	143.6	+0.5	6.82
Japan Income	155.9	165.9	-3.3	0.34
Do Accum	156.5	166.5	-3.2	0.34
N American Inc	42.9	45.7●	+0.3	1.12
Do Accum	49.7	52.9●	+0.4	1.12
Pacific Income	97.2	102.5	+1.5	0.60
Do Accum	109.3	115.1	+1.7	0.60
Smlr Co's Inc	61.7	65.7 s	+0.1	2.40
Do Accum	72.5	77.2 s	+0.1	2.40
BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST				
74-78 Finsbury Pavement London EC2A 1JD				
01-588 2777 Dealing: 01-638 0478/9				
MoneyGuide 0800-010-333				
Growth Gilt	55.3	58.1	..	7.12
Intl Recovery	86.4	92.2	-0.2	2.43
Smaller Co's	119.1	127.0	-0.2	1.69
UK Growth	32.0	34.1	-0.4	2.31
Extra Inc	49.2	52.5●	-0.1	8.65
Gilt	23.8	24.8	..	8.41
Inc & Growth	165.8	176.9	-1.2	4.98
Nat High Inc	162.1	172.9	-1.7	5.46
Pref Shares	17.5	18.7	-0.1	10.53
Commodity	130.3	139.0	-0.7	2.77
Financial Secs	38.3	40.9	-0.3	2.52
Gold & Gen	19.8	21.3	-0.2	2.45
Int Leisure	14.3	15.3	..	1.18
Prop Shares	48.6	51.8	-0.2	1.65
Univ Energy	44.5	47.5●	-0.1	0.82
World Tech	40.2	42.9	-0.1	0.73
Amer Growth	91.2	97.3	+0.2	3.29
Amer Income	55.9	59.6	-0.2	8.02
Amer Smaller Co's	23.0	24.5	+0.1	1.95
Aust Growth	69.9	74.6	+0.3	0.48
Euro Smaller	12.8	13.4	+0.1	0.43
Far East	35.7	38.1	+0.8	1.23
Hong Kong Prf	24.6	26.2●	+0.6	3.96
Intl Growth	30.6	32.6	+0.4	2.17
Japan Perf	39.1	41.7●	+0.4	..
Japan Smaller	10.5	11.3	+0.1	..
Exempt	86.2	89.3	-0.4	4.18
Exempt Market	84.7	87.7	..	4.14
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
BS Fund Income	50.1	53.6 c	+0.1	4.28
Do Accum	82.5	88.4 c	+0.2	..
Financial	107.1	115.1	-0.5	2.12
Growth Accum	153.1	163.8	+0.1	..
Do Income	98.8	105.7	..	2.01
High Income	53.3	57.3	-0.3	7.04
Income	61.6	66.3	-0.3	5.84
North American	52.6	56.6	-0.3	1.20
Orient	53.6	57.3	-0.8	0.20
Recovery	29.4	31.4	-0.3	3.31
Technology	127.0	135.9	+0.7	0.60
German	30.7	32.8	-0.5	2.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT				
01-588 2868				
General Inc (4)	174.2	183.5●	+1.0	4.08
Do Accum (4)	274.3	289.0	+1.6	4.08
Income Fund (3)	82.7	86.8	..	5.76
Do Accum (3)	141.9	149.0	+0.1	5.76
Intl Inc (2)	103.6	109.0	..	2.69
Do Accum (2)	135.9	141.6	..	2.69
Smaller Inc (5)	886.0	927.2	..	2.69
Do Accum (5)	914.4	979.0	..	2.69
CS FUND MANAGERS				
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY				
01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	49.5	52.7	+0.2	0.41
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Growth	235.3	250.3	+2.3	3.65
Income	268.7	285.9	+1.5	5.25
Far East	127.7	135.3	+0.5	0.76
North American	124.4	132.3	+0.5	1.32
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
100, Old Broad St, London EC2N 1BQ				
01-621 0011				
Capital (3)	297.0	312.7	..	2.02
Income (3)	228.3	240.4	..	5.55
North American (3)	240.7	253.4	..	1.57
CATER ALLEN				
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU				
01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust	94.1	100.2	-0.2	12.12
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENG				
77 London Wall EC2 1DB				
01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	357.65		..	4.75
Fixed Int	135.45	●	..	10.56
Deposit			..	11.20
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DB				
01-588 1815				
Income	321.11		..	5.48
Accum	816.83		..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 277719				
General Equity	31.0	33.0	-0.3	..
Equity High Income	33.4	35.6	-0.2	..
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	25.3	27.0	..	..
Index Securities	22.7	24.2	+0.1	..
COUNTY BANK UNIT TRUSTS				
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU				
01-726 1999				
Capital Accum	236.2	251.2	-1.7	2.09
Energy Trust	41.8	44.4	+0.2	5.32
Extra Income	133.7	142.2	-0.3	6.14
Financial	123.0	130.8●	-0.3	2.75
Gilt Strategy	52.8	55.4	..	1.94
Growth Investment	233.4	248.2●	-2.1	3.12
Income & Growth	34.1	36.2 c	-0.2	5.27
Japanese & Pacific	90.3	96.0	+0.5	0.02
Nth Amer Growth	91.0	96.8	..	2.44
Intl Recovery	96.2	102.3●	+0.2	3.15
Smaller Co's	174.0	185.0	..	2.03
Global Inc Tst	50.0	53.1	+0.3	6.66
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
High Income Trust	190.1	203.3	-2.0	6.05
Growth Trust	182.8	195.5 a	-2.3	3.88
American Trust	115.0	123.0	-0.4	0.61
DRUMMOND FUND MANAGEMENT				
Regis House, King William St EC4				
01-623 4951				
Glen Income Inc	44.6	51.2	-1.1	6.12
Do Accum	81.8	85.6	-2.2	6.13
Glen Capital Inc	124.2	132.1	-0.3	3.95
Do Accum	206.8	219.8	-0.3	3.95
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh				
031-226 3492				
American Fund	61.7	65.0	-0.8	2.58
Capital Fund	71.2	76.2	-0.3	2.23
Growth & Inc Fund	109.3	116.9 c	-0.8	4.91
High Dist Fund	88.2	92.2	-0.2	7.32
International Fund	160.7	171.9	+0.5	1.31
Resources Fund	22.7	22.2	-0.2	2.03
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	24.0	26.3	+0.5	0.10
Tokyo Fund	109.8	117.4	+1.6	0.21
(Ex) Amer (2)	129.9	130.9	..	2.29
(Ex) Japan (3)	72.3	77.7	..	0.31
(Ex) Pacific (4)	201.4	208.3	+0.9	1.92
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	145.2	152.0	+3.4	0.10
Eurofund	25.3		..	4.00

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EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	54.1	57.7	-0.3	3.47
Do Accum	54.1	57.7	-0.3	3.47
UK Growth Accum	57.6	61.4	-0.4	2.04
UK High Inc Inc	54.5	58.1	-0.3	6.02
N American Accum	57.3	61.1	+0.1	1.64
Far Eastern Accum	50.5	57.1	+0.8	0.38
European Accum	64.9	69.2	+0.4	1.28
UK Gilt & FI Inc	47.0	50.1	..	9.98
Do Accum	47.0	50.1	..	9.98
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
35, Fountain St, Manchester				
061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	82.2	88.2 s	-0.7	4.11
High Income Trust	59.6	63.5	-0.5	6.15
Gilt & Fixed Int	46.6	49.6●	..	9.88
Tst Of Inv Trusts	56.4	60.0	+0.1	2.08
Special Sits Trust	62.6	66.9	-0.1	2.65
Nth Amer Trust	50.0	53.2	-0.1	2.09
Far Eastern Trust	54.9	58.4	+0.5	0.95
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD				
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	122.7	130.5	-1.0	3.91
Do Income	107.9	114.7	-0.9	3.91
Higher Inc Accum	191.5	203.7	-1.1	5.66
Do Income	158.8	168.9	-0.9	5.66
Gilt/Fixed Accum	89.4	94.7	-0.7	3.07
Do Income	77.6	81.6	..	3.07
Nth Amer Tst Accum	125.0	132.9	+0.7	0.30
Far East Tst Accum	99.7	106.0	+1.4	0.82
Euro Tst Accum	127.1	135.2	+0.7	0.93
General Trust	194.2	206.5	-0.9	3.20
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT				
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA				
01-623 4680				
American Fund	68.7	73.5	-0.3	0.29
Capital Fund	94.4	101.0	..	0.47
Income Fund	64.7	69.2	-0.5	5.67
Far Eastern Fund	58.5	60.5	+1.1	0.45
Overseas Income	59.7	63.9	+0.3	4.26
Fixed Interest	51.8	55.2	..	9.38
Natural Res Fund	47.7	50.7	-0.3	3.86
European Income	56.2	60.3 c	-0.4	4.09
FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY				
0732 362222				
American	86.1	92.1	-0.4	1.03
Amer Equity Income	29.0	31.1 c	-0.1	5.49
Amer Special Sits	45.8	48.8	-0.3	0.50
Far East Inc	26.7	28.5	+0.3	3.72
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.7	28.9	..	9.94
Growth & Income	80.1	85.7	..	5.18
Japan Special Sits	27.2	28.2 c	+0.6	..
Japan Trust	80.2	85.4	-1.2	..
Managed Intl Tst	111.2	119.0	+0.4	0.42
Major Income Equity	59.4	63.9	..	6.07
Professional Gilt	28.2	30.1	..	3.00
South East Asia Tst	28.3	30.2	+0.5	0.21
Special Sits	117.3	128.9	..	1.35
FLEMING (ROBERT)				
8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN				
01-638 5858				
American Exempt	£324.56	331.50	..	2.08
Japan Exempt	£253.94	261.97	..	1.46
Am Property Tst	£11,427.0		..	7.75
Property Trust	£2,087.0		..	6.10
FRAMLINGTON MANAGEMENT				
3 London Wall B'ldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ				
01-628 5181				
Amer & Gen Income	206.8	220.0	+1.9	0.59
Do Accum	211.2	224.6	+1.9	0.59
Amer Turnaround Inc	197.2	209.6	+1.0	1.25
Do Accum	203.4	216.2	+1.0	1.25
Capital Tst Income	168.2	178.6	-0.2	3.30
Do Accum	200.6	213.4	-0.2	3.30
Conv & Gilt Income	77.2	82.0	-0.2	6.23
Do Accum	100.8	107.2	-0.4	6.23
Extra Inc Tst Income	124.8	132.6●	-0.4	5.44
Do Accum	132.8	141.0●	-0.4	5.44
Income Trust	94.4	100.4	-0.4	5.11
Do Accum	98.0	104.2	-0.4	5.11
Int Growth Fd Income	143.0	152.0	+0.6	..
Do Accum	158.8	168.8	+0.6	..
Japan & Gen Income	60.0	63.8	+1.1	0.20
Do Accum	60.2	64.0	+1.1	0.20
Monthly Income Fund	60.4	64.2●	-0.2	5.84
Recovery	105.4	113.0●	..	2.24
Do Accum	115.0	122.2●	..	2.24
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey				
0306 885055				
FP Equity Dist	167.2	176.5	-1.8	3.18
Do Accum	275.9	291.9	-3.0	3.18
FP Fixed Int Dist	101.2	103.2	+0.2	6.64
Do Accum	112.7	120.5	+0.2	6.64
Stewardship Dist	139.6	147.7	-1.4	2.49
Do Accum	143.5	151.8	-1.5	2.49
FUNDS IN COURT				
Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2				
01-405 4300				
Capital	295.7	304.2	..	3.15
Gross Inc	124.3	129.6	..	9.02
High Yield	181.0	186.5	..	6.88
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ				
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
UK Cap Fnd Inc	79.3	84.9 c	-0.6	1.90
Do Accum	111.9	119.7 c	-0.8	1.90
Income Fund	67.3	72.0	..	7.00
Pension Exempt	133.1	136.3 c	+0.5	2.40
International	129.2	138.2	-0.4	1.00
US & General	51.7	55.4	-0.2	1.40
Tech & Growth	63.8	68.3	-0.2	1.00
Japan & General	147.2	157.5	+1.2	0.30
Far East & Gen	73.5	78.7	-1.3	1.00
European Fund	201.3	215.3	+0.6	0.70
Germany Fund	62.9	67.3	-0.2	1.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766				
Dealing 01-623 5806				
American Trust	84.7	90.6	+1.0	..
Australian Trust	20.7	22.0	..	0.39
British Tst Accum	46.5	49.8	-1.2	2.47
Do Dist	41.1	44.0 s	-1.2	2.47
Commodity Share	56.9	60.8	-0.4	1.25
European Trust	42.3	45.1	..	0.73
Extra Income Trust	39.1	41.9	-0.4	5.99
Far Eastern Trust	86.1	92.0	+0.6	0.49
Fixed Interest Fund	24.7	26.3●	+0.3	10.34
Gilt Trust	24.30	25.47	+0.04	10.43
Global Fund Accum	132.7	141.2	-0.2	0.27
Do Dist	126.4	134.5	-0.3	0.27
Gold Share Trust	14.1	15.1	-0.2	1.93
Hedged Americon	25.8	27.4	-0.5	0.10
High Income Trust	111.9	119.7 s	-1.3	5.11
Hong Kong Trust	27.7	29.4	+0.6	0.85
Income Fund	58.5	62.3 c	..	4.12
Insurance Agencies	£38.30	40.97	-0.17	2.47
Japan Trust	87.0	92.5	+1.0	..
Managed Exempt	223.8	230.2	-0.8	3.64
Oil & Energy Trust	32.5	34.6●	-0.9	1.04
Special Sits Trust	70.7	75.7	-1.0	1.30
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	56.5	60.5	-0.6	1.17
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA				
01-588 5620				
Intl Growth	65.5	70.0	-0.2	1.97
American Growth	58.0	59.6	+2.1	1.75
American Inc	62.7	67.0	+0.3	6.09
European Growth	162.9	174.2	+2.4	0.25
Gold & Minerals	44.9	48.0	-0.7	1.77
Japan Growth	99.5	106.5	+1.1	0.26
Pacific Income	60.5	64.7	+0.6	4.49
UK Special Opps	69.2	74.4 c	+0.1	2.43

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GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN				
01-638 2020				
Gilt & Fixed Int	110.3	114.7	..	9.75
Growth Equity	171.9	182.9	-1.8	2.55
Guardhill	249.5	258.6	-3.6	3.38
N American	125.4	133.9	-0.5	2.23
Pacific	147.8	153.7	-0.3	0.58
Property Share	184.1	195.8●	..	2.04
Smaller Companies	169.1	179.9	-0.8	1.77
European Trust	185.2	197.1	+1.1	0.78
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill London EC3P 3AJ				
01-623 9333				
High Income	45.1	48.4●	-0.1	6.55
N Amer Trust	108.2	115.1	+0.4	0.66
Recovery	157.7	167.8	+0.3	2.97
Gilt Trust	36.1	37.4 c	..	10.02
St Vincent Inc	70.1	72.3	-0.4	6.47
St Vincent US Gth	67.9	70.8	+0.5	0.85
Temple Bar Sm Co's	134.18	141.54	..	3.85
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Premier UT Admin, 5, Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood Essex				
0277 217919				
Hambros Smlr Co's	96.8	103.0●	+0.3	2.51
Hambros N Amer	61.3	65.2	-0.1	1.01
Hambros Jap & F E	81.1	86.3	+0.6	0.52
Hambros Scandvn	69.0	70.2	+0.5	1.10
Hambros European	88.2	93.8	-0.4	0.98
Hambros Canadian	42.1	44.8	+0.1	1.79
Hambros Equity Inc	67.9	72.2	-0.2	5.46
Hambros High Inc	48.5	51.6	..	8.51
Hambros Res Assts	48.2	51.3 c	-0.2	3.46
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
Premier UT Administration 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex				
0277-217238				
Special Sits Inc	100.2	107.2	-0.4	1.68
Do Accum	140.2	150.0	-0.7	1.68
Recovery Trust	81.1	86.6	-0.7	3.00
Capital Growth Inc	47.1	50.4	-0.3	1.47
Do Accum	53.9	57.7	-0.2	1.47
Income Assets	83.7	96.4	-0.8	4.52
Financial Trust	108.1	115.7	-0.7	2.76
Income & Growth Inc	116.4	125.2	-0.2	3.74
Do Accum	223.5	240.3	-0.5	3.74
High Income Trust	141.5	151.4 c	-0.3	5.43
Extra Income	129.5	139.2	-0.4	5.64
Smaller Cos Div	80.8	86.5 c	-0.6	8.23
Pref & Gilt	44.3	47.4	..	10.40
Gilt Trust	40.9	43.4 c	-0.1	9.91
Fixed Interest Trust	50.7	54.2	+0.4	10.26
Global Healthcare	56.8	58.1	+0.4	0.01
Global Tech	95.5	101.2	+0.6	0.25
Gold	48.2	49.2	-0.6	1.12
International	139.4	149.5	-0.7	0.28
Oil & Nat Res	67.8	72.3 c	-0.3	1.47
Worldwide (5)	306.1	320.1	..	2.56
Australian	69.2	74.8	..	0.86
European	194.8	205.2	+0.5	0.79
Euro Smaller Cos	70.0	73.7	+0.5	0.09
Japan Trust	94.9	100.6 c	+1.3	0.82
Japan Special Sits	94.5	100.2	+1.8	0.01
Pacific Smaller Cos	55.9	59.3	+1.2	0.86
Singapore & Malay	24.2	25.0●	-0.2	2.90
North American	126.5	136.8●	+0.8	0.86
Amer Smaller Cos	48.0	51.8	+0.7	0.09
Amer Recovery Trust	111.2	120.1	+0.4	1.47
High Income Exempt	99.5	104.7●	-0.2	5.88
Smaller Cos Exempt	95.7	101.8	+0.6	1.75
Euro Exempt (5)	94.5	99.5	+0.3	1.23
Japan Exempt (5)	92.6	97.4	+1.4	1.27
N Amer	79.1	83.3	+0.1	1.30
Global Tech Ex (5)	77.5	81.6	+0.7	0.07
Pacific Exempt (5)	153.8	161.9	+3.9	1.50
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Beech St. EC2P 2LX				
01-628 8011				
British Trust Units	440.5	468.7	-4.2	3.65
Capital Trust Units	84.4	89.8 c	-0.5	3.08
Dollar Trust Units	167.2	178.0	-1.4	3.14
European Trust	97.8	103.9●	+0.1	0.95
Far East Trust	93.6	99.8	+1.1	2.38
Financial Trust	305.4	324.9	-1.8	2.75
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.0	28.1	-0.1	10.41
Do Growth	38.6	41.0 c	+0.1	3.41
High Yield Trust	53.1	56.5	-0.2	6.12
Income Trust	66.5	70.8	-0.6	5.36
International	103.9	110.6●	+0.5	3.17
Japan Tech Tst	29.0	30.9	+0.3	0.50
Natural Resources	30.7	32.7	-0.1	2.53
Security Trust	152.0	161.8	+0.8	3.60
Smaller Cos	63.8	67.9	-0.1	1.92
Special Sits	78.2	83.2	-2.9	2.93
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB				
01-222 1000				
IBI Brit & O'seas	115.7	123.1	+0.3	2.00
IBI High Income	51.2	53.9	..	6.50
IBI Security Gilt	52.7	55.8	..	2.00
Investment Tst Fnd	58.3	62.0	..	3.50
KLEINWORT BENSON				
20, Fenchurch St, London EC3				
01-623 8000				
Amer Growth Inc	58.9	62.4●	+0.4	1.43
Do Accum	60.1	63.8●	+0.4	..
Fund Inv Tst Inc	17.0	18.0	..	2.84
Do Accum	21.3	22.6 s	..	..
High Yield Inc	105.5	111.8	+0.6	6.27
Do Accum	170.5	180.7	+0.9	..
Int Recovery Inc	78.4	83.1	+0.1	1.61
Do Accum	82.1	87.0	-0.2	..
Japan Growth Inc	53.7	62.2	-1.0	..
Do Accum	53.8	62.4	-1.0	..
Smaller Co's Inc	125.4	135.4	..	2.39
Do Accum	162.1	175.3	-0.1	..
UK Equity Growth Inc	23.1	24.5 s	-0.1	1.76
Do Accum	37.8	39.9 s	+0.2	..
Worldwide Tech Inc	37.8	40.4	-0.3	0.16
Do Accum	38.0	40.6	+0.4	..
L & C UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
Piercy House, Copthall Ave, EC2R 7BE				
01-588 2800				
Income Fund	353.3	360.5 e	..	5.63
International & Gen	207.4	211.7 c	..	0.96
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex				
0277 224634				
Equity Distribution	225.1	240.6	-1.6	2.54
Do Accum	348.4	372.6	-2.6	2.54
Do Income	50.7	54.2●	-0.2	5.64
European	59.3	63.4 c	+0.3	2.37
Far Eastern	54.1	57.8	+0.7	0.88
Gilt Trust	67.9	71.8	+0.1	8.53
Intl Managed	65.0	69.6	+0.5	1.37
Natural Res	47.9	51.2	-0.6	4.28
N American Trust	66.9	71.5●	+0.1	2.10
UK Special Sits	49.8	53.5	..	2.73
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrar's Dpt. Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex				
0444 459144				
Balanced	151.2	161.7	-1.5	3.55
Do Accum	269.2	284.7	-2.7	3.58
Energy Intl	46.4	49.6	..	3.59
Do Accum	53.5	54.0	..	3.58
Extra Income	127.8	136.3	-0.4	6.15
Do Accum	225.8	241.4	-0.7	6.15
German Gth	57.3	61.2	+3.2	0.29
Do Accum	57.3	61.2	+0.2	0.29
Income	219.1	234.3	-0.9	5.17
Do Accum	425.1	454.6	-1.3	5.17

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Intl Tech	163.1	174.4	+0.4	0.65
Do Accum	170.1	181.9	+0.4	0.65
Japan Growth	48.8	52.1	+0.9	0.13
Do Accum	48.8	52.1	+0.9	0.13
N Amer & Gen	91.1	97.4●	-0.1	1.24
Do Accum	98.1	104.9	..	1.22
Pacific Basin	89.4	95.6	+1.3	0.51
Do Accum	92.7	99.1	+1.3	0.51
Smaller Cos & Rec	146.3	156.4	+0.2	2.32
Do Accum	162.9	174.2	+0.2	2.32
Worldwide Growth	157.2	168.1	..	1.31
Do Accum	220.0	235.2	..	1.31
LLOYDS LIFE UNIT TRUST				
20, Clifton St, London EC2A 4AX				
01-920 0311				
Equity Dist	91.0	96.9	+0.3	1.84
Do Accum	127.1	135.2	+0.4	1.84
Gilt Trust	45.8	49.4	-0.1	5.06
Do Accum	50.1	52.8	-0.1	5.06
High Income Dist	72.6	77.3	-0.1	5.49
Do Accum	83.2	88.6	-0.2	5.49
US Growth	50.4	53.7	+0.3	1.23
Do Accum	50.6	54.1	+0.3	1.23
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 52155				
General Trust	35.5	38.0	-0.4	3.80
Income Trust	29.8	31.9	-0.1	8.50
International Trust	26.8	28.7	+0.1	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626 4588				
Amer & Gen Inc	202.6	215.0 c	-0.5	1.82
Do Accum	232.5	246.8 c	-0.8	1.82
Amer Recovery	229.9	243.7	+0.1	1.88
Do Accum	249.2	264.2	+0.2	1.88
Am Smaller Cos	54.0	57.2●	..	1.16
Do Accum	54.8	58.2●	..	1.16
Aust & Gen Inc	75.7	81.0	+0.7	0.98
Do Accum	82.2	88.0	+0.8	0.98
Comm & Gen Inc	156.3	167.2 c	-0.8	2.92
Do Accum	202.0	216.1 c	+1.0	2.92
Compound Growth	338.9	362.6	-2.2	3.68
Conversion Growth	276.8	292.3	+1.8	2.99
Do Inc	158.2	167.7	-1.0	7.03
Dividend Fund Inc	328.5	348.2	-2.8	5.49
Do Accum	948.1	1,008.0	+7.5	5.49
European & General	155.3	164.6●	-1.0	0.98
Do Accum	184.9	196.0	-1.2	0.98
Extra Yield Inc	179.8	190.6	+1.4	6.26
Do Accum	378.5	401.5	+3.0	6.26
Far Eastern Inc	109.6	117.5	+1.8	2.25
Do Accum	132.6	141.9	+2.1	2.25
Fund Of Inv Inc	201.6	213.7	+0.5	3.03
Do Acc	313.3	332.1	+0.8	3.03
General Income	493.8	523.4●	+3.3	4.37
Do Accum	£10.34	10.96●	+0.07	4.37
Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.3	58.1	-0.1	10.19
Do Accum	81.1	85.2	..	10.19
Gold Income	41.8	44.5●	-0.1	2.44
Do Accum	43.7	46.8	..	2.44
High Income Inc	254.7	270.0●	+2.0	5.96
Do Accum	675.4	715.8	+5.1	5.96
Intl Growth Inc	642.8	687.6 c	+4.9	2.71
Do Accum	£10.12	10.82 c	+0.08	2.71
Intl Inc Inc	51.9	55.0	+0.5	5.47
Japan & Gen Inc	500.0	532.6	+5.7	0.29
Do Accum	535.5	570.3	+6.1	0.29
Japan Smaller Acc	65.7	70.0	+0.9	0.09
Midland & Gen Inc	438.3	464.8	+3.0	4.81
Do Accum	£10.76	11.40	+0.07	4.81
Recovery Fund Inc	274.3	290.8●	+2.4	3.48
Do Accum	351.5	372.7	+3.0	3.48
Second Gen Inc	562.5	596.2●	+1.9	3.99
Do Accum	£10.97	11.63●	+0.04	3.99
Smaller Cos Inc	542.3	580.3	+1.0	3.07
Do Accum	837.4	896.0	+1.7	3.07
Trustee Fund Inc	368.1	393.9	+0.8	4.73
Do Accum	£10.40	11.13	+0.02	4.73
Charibond Inc (3)	104.3		..	12.03
Do Accum (3)	307.8		..	12.03
Charifund Inc (3)	313.2	318.4	..	8.98
Do Accum (3)	795.6	803.6	..	6.50
Pension Exempt (1)	376.2	392.1	..	4.95
NAACIF Inc (3)	33.2		..	9.48
Do Accum (3)	378.9		..	9.46
MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
11, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YR				
01-623 4273				
Equity Exempt	330.4	345.0	-1.1	3.00
Do Accum	413.7	432.1	-1.4	3.00
UK Market Features	55.1	58.7	..	2.23
Do Accum	56.2	59.8	..	2.23
Japan Performance	82.2	87.6	+1.2	0.18
Do Accum	82.4	87.8	+1.2	0.18
US Special Features	59.9	63.8	-0.2	0.93
Do Accum	60.3	64.3	-0.2	0.93
Gold & Precious Met	41.6	45.2	-0.2	2.21
Do Accum	42.6	46.3	-0.3	2.21
US Special Inc	55.7	59.4 c	+0.6	6.03
Do Accum	57.5	61.5 c	-0.6	6.09
European Perf Inc	65.7	69.8	+0.4	0.97
Do Accum	65.3	69.8	+0.2	0.97
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
99-100, Sandling Rd, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX				
0622 674751				
MLA General	27.3	28.9	-0.2	2.59
MLA International	43.7	46.3	..	1.14
MLA Gilt Unit	21.5	22.7 s	-0.3	11.45
MLA Income	32.5	34.4 c	..	5.81
MLA European	23.6	25.0	..	0.10
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT				
St Georges Way, Stevenage Herts				
0438 356101				
Growth Units	61.4	65.3	..	3.40
Gilt & Fixed Int	95.9	100.3	..	8.81
High Income Units	91.7	97.5	..	5.64
High Yield Gilt Unit	50.7	52.5●	..	11.57
Intl Growth Units	97.8	103.9	..	0.43
N American Units	61.5	65.4	..	0.80
Far East Units	66.4	70.6	..	0.52
Smaller Cos Fund	54.2	57.6	..	1.82
MENCAP UNIT TRUST				
Unicorn Hse, 252, Romford Rd, E7				
01-534 5544				
Mencap	111.4	118.5	-0.7	4.88
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS				
01-280 2860				
Amer Growth	86.6	92.3	-0.2	1.60
Do Accum	89.6	95.5	-0.2	1.60
Amer Income	45.2	48.0	-0.1	5.32
Do Accum	46.3	49.2	-0.1	5.32
European Growth	102.3	108.8	+0.2	1.19
Do Accum	105.1	111.6	+0.1	1.19
General	200.2	212.9	-1.2	2.90
Do Accum	322.3	342.8	-1.9	2.90
Gilt	77.4	78.1	+0.1	8.92
Gilt & Fixed Accum	84.8	85.8	+0.1	8.92
Income	85.5	89.8	-0.1	4.77
Do Accum	70.8	75.3	-0.1	4.71
International	192.8	205.0	+0.5	1.33
Do Accum	239.0	251.1	+0.6	1.33
Japan	95.3	101.3●	+0.9	0.09
Do Accum	97.1	103.2●	+0.9	0.09
Recovery	149.2	158.7	-0.3	3.41
Do Accum	157.8	167.8	-0.4	3.41
Exempt Dist	190.0	195.8 c	..	3.02
Exempt Accum	287.7	296.3 c	..	3.02
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD				
0742 79842				
Capital Income	67.0	71.6●	-0.5	2.73
Do Accum	90.5	96.5●	-0.6	2.73
Commodity & Gen	111.0	118.4	-0.6	3.29
Do Accum	153.8	164.1	-0.7	3.36

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Extra High Inc	50.7	54.0●	+0.2	8.80
Do Accum	57.2	61.0●	-0.1	8.80
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.4	51.5	-0.1	10.26
Do Accum	77.7	81.2	-0.2	10.26
High Yield	123.8	132.0	-0.3	6.58
Do Accum	205.4	219.1	-0.5	6.58
Income	142.9	152.4 c	-1.0	4.25
Do Accum	229.2	244.5 c	-1.7	4.25
Japan & Pacific	173.1	184.6	+1.6	0.25
Do Accum	181.3	193.3	+1.7	0.25
N American Inc	93.0	99.2	-0.4	1.20
Do Accum	111.0	118.3	-0.5	1.20
Overseas Growth	92.0	98.1	+0.2	1.18
Do Accum	110.3	117.7	+0.4	1.18
Smaller Cos Inc	85.7	91.4●	..	2.83
Do Accum	90.6	96.6●	-0.1	2.83
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH				
041 221 9252				
American	100.2	106.9 e	-0.1	4.24
European	170.7	182.2	-0.2	1.46
Smaller Cos	166.4	177.8	-2.2	1.33
NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200 Ext 289				
NPI UK	169.0	179.8	-1.4	3.00
Do Accum	270.8	287.3	-2.2	3.00
NPI Overseas	495.0	526.6	+1.6	1.20
Do Accum	601.7	640.2	+1.9	1.20
Far East Acc	54.0	57.6 c	+1.0	0.40
Do Dist	54.0	57.5 c	+1.0	0.40
American Acc	51.7	55.0●	-0.2	1.40
Do Dist	51.2	54.5●	-0.3	1.40
NORWICH UNION				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG				
0603 622200				
Group Trust	997.4	1,049.8	-58.2	4.25
Intl Trust	113.5	119.5	-0.7	1.54
OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT				
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE				
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0				
International Growth	121.8	130.3●	-0.8	1.00
Income & Growth	45.6	48.5	-0.1	2.80
Special Sits	69.1	73.9●	+0.2	2.10
American Growth	29.7	31.6	-0.1	3.10
Japan Growth	35.8	38.1	+0.2	..
European Growth	51.9	55.6 c	..	2.80
UK Growth	44.1	47.2	+0.2	1.30
Pacific Growth	33.3	35.7	+0.6	0.70
High Income	28.7	30.8●	-0.3	8.10
Practical Income	44.0	46.8	+0.1	2.70
Do Accum	79.1	84.2	+0.1	2.70
PEARL TRUST				
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB				
01-405 8441				
Growth Fund Inc	71.7	76.3	-0.2	2.77
Do Accum	106.0	112.8	-0.3	2.77
Income Fund	96.9	103.1	-0.5	4.83
Intl Equity Inc	104.2	110.8	+0.2	1.81
Do Accum	104.2	110.8	+0.2	1.81
Unit Trust Inc	102.4	108.9	-0.5	3.83
Do Accum	175.4	186.6	-0.9	3.83
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames				
0491 576868				
Intl Growth	219.0	235.0	-1.4	1.40
Income	155.0	168.0	-1.0	5.30
Worldwide Rec	123.4	132.5 s	-1.1	2.10
Amer Growth	60.5	65.0 c	-0.4	1.06
Intl Emerg Co's	66.9	71.8	..	0.72
Far East Growth	53.6	57.8	+0.8	1.14
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUSTS				
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2				
01-247 7544/7				
International	90.4	97.2	+0.1	1.60
High Income	144.4	153.1	-0.4	4.79
Conv & Gilt	82.0	87.0 c	-0.2	7.24
Far Eastern	117.3	125.1	+2.6	0.30
North American	123.7	133.0	-0.5	2.43
Special Sits	156.3	164.7	+1.0	1.39
Technology	105.7	113.7	-0.1	0.82
Extra Income	68.1	72.2	+0.1	5.68
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL				
01-478 3377				
Holborn Equity	337.5	359.0	-3.1	3.65
Holborn European	67.7	72.0	+0.4	0.58
Holborn Comms	48.0	51.0	..	1.22
Holborn High Inc	55.5	59.0●	-0.1	5.85
Holborn Intl	77.8	82.7●	+0.4	0.84
Holborn Japanese	60.3	64.1	+0.8	0.05
Holborn N American	58.0	61.6	..	1.83
Holborn Spec Sits	50.3	53.5	-0.2	2.74
Holborn UK Growth	67.4	71.6	-0.5	3.50
Holborn Gilt Trust	153.3	162.6	+0.1	8.84
QUILTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY				
31-45 Gresham St, London EC2V 7LH				
01-600 4177				
Quadrant General	353.7	376.3	..	3.49
Quadrant Income	194.0	206.4●	..	5.15
Quadrant Intl Fd	334.9	352.6	..	1.34
Quadrant Recovery	218.0	229.8	..	3.24
NM ROTHSCHILD ASSET MANAGEMENT				
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU				
01-280 5456				
NC America Inc	243.7	259.2	+0.3	1.86
Do Accum	262.1	278.8	+0.3	1.86
NC Energy Res	150.3	159.8	-0.8	3.02
NC Income	72.8	77.4	-0.4	4.65
NC Japan	126.8	134.6	+1.8	0.42
NC Smaller Cos	114.1	121.3	-0.2	3.06
NC Smlr Europ Co's	134.8	143.3	+0.5	0.52
NC Exempt Gilt	£115.0	120.0	..	7.50
NC Amer Prop	$11.57	12.18	..	..
NC Property	186.5	198.3	..	..
ROWAN UNIT TRUST				
1, Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA				
01-606 1066				
American (4)	198.5	203.5	+4.0	2.79
Securities (2)	571.0	598.0	..	3.18
High Yield (5)	131.5	135.0	..	6.59
Merlin (3)	304.0	312.0●	..	1.89
Fixed Interest	152.5	155.5	+0.5	2.50
High Interest	113.0	114.0●	..	13.39
Far East (2)	137.5	141.0	..	0.20
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS				
051-227 4422				
Equity Trust	51.1	54.3	-0.3	3.13
Ins Trust	58.3	62.6 c	+0.4	1.43
Gilt Trust	24.1	25.3	..	9.00
US Trust	28.0	29.7	..	1.73
Pacific Basin Tst	27.7	29.4	+0.3	0.88
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Royal London House, Colchester CO1 1RA				
0206 576115				
American Growth	74.9	79.7●	-0.6	0.97
Capital Accum	148.2	157.7	-1.5	2.57
Gilt Income	48.7	51.3	-0.1	9.82
High Income	61.0	64.9	-0.2	5.79
Income & Growth	74.7	79.5●	-0.4	5.36
Japan Growth	56.4	60.0	+0.9	0.09
Special Sits	82.9	88.2	-0.7	1.77
SAVE & PROSPER				
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
68-73, Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX				
(Romford) 0708-66966 Or (Edin) 031-226 7351				
Amer Inc & Growth	63.1	67.4	+0.1	7.93
Capital Units	87.0	93.0●	-0.1	2.67
Commodity	47.7	51.0	..	1.57
Energy Inds	48.3	51.8	-0.3	3.00
European Growth	62.6	66.8	+0.4	0.75
Exempt Inc Bnd	67.8	71.4	..	6.12
Do Intl (43)	53.8	56.7	..	3.13

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Exploration	39.3	42.0 s	-0.4	0.80
Financial Secs	77.1	82.4	..	2.51
Gilt & FI Inc	50.0	52.7	+0.1	11.78
High Return Units	144.7	154.7●	-0.7	5.39
High Yield Units	134.9	144.2	-0.7	5.38
Income Units	82.4	88.1●	-0.2	6.56
Investment Trust	72.8	77.9	+0.1	2.50
International	100.9	107.3	+1.3	4.53
Japan Growth	55.4	59.2	+0.4	..
Japan Smaller Cos	87.0	93.0	+1.0	..
Masterfund	23.4	25.0	-0.1	3.31
New Technology	89.5	95.7●	+0.3	..
SE Asia Growth	93.3	99.7	..	..
Scotbits	104.4	111.6●	-0.1	3.15
Scotshares	141.2	151.0	-0.2	4.65
Scotyields	128.3	137.3	-0.6	4.93
Select International	82.4	88.7	..	2.84
Smaller Co's Inc	121.9	130.2	-0.1	5.40
Special Situations	75.6	81.1	-0.2	2.42
UK Equity	149.2	153.5 c	-1.0	2.95
US Growth	66.1	71.4	-0.3	0.58
Universal Growth	69.6	74.4	..	2.11
SCHRODER UNIT TRUST				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
American Inc	113.1	120.9	..	1.67
Do Accum	115.4	123.4	+0.1	1.67
Australian Inc	63.7	68.4 c	+0.6	1.23
Do Accum	69.0	73.1 c	+0.5	1.23
European Inc	80.2	84.3	-0.5	1.26
Do Accum	90.6	94.7	-0.8	1.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.2	54.0 c	..	10.00
Do Accum	73.1	77.2 c	-0.1	10.00
Gold Fund Inc	35.6	35.9	+0.8	3.62
Do Accum	35.0	37.4	-0.2	3.62
Income	139.6	149.3	-0.7	5.55
Do Accum	305.4	337.7	-1.7	5.55
Intl Income	90.3	96.4	+0.4	0.82
Do Accum	124.5	133.1	+0.5	0.82
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	87.9	94.0●	+1.2	0.10
Singapore & Malay	45.4	48.5	+0.2	1.44
Do Accum	48.3	49.5	+0.2	1.44
Smaller Co's Inc	107.0	114.4	..	1.72
Do Accum	111.8	119.5	+0.1	1.72
Special Sits Inc	87.6	93.5	..	1.49
Do Accum	90.6	96.8	..	1.49
Tokyo Fund Inc	138.6	148.1	+1.9	0.30
Do Accum	139.6	149.3	+1.9	0.30
US Smaller Co's Ac	51.4	54.9	+0.3	0.26
UK Equity Inc	85.4	91.3	+0.6	3.64
Do Accum	130.8	132.8	+1.0	3.64
Recovery	652.3	687.6 c	..	2.93
Special Exempt	100.0	106.9 s	+0.4	1.87
Pensions & Charity	464.0	486.2●	..	3.97
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh				
031-556 9101				
Intl Income Units	124.5	132.4	..	3.89
Do Accum	183.3	195.0	..	3.89
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh				
031 225 2211				
UK Equity	141.9	151.6	-1.0	2.31
American	137.8	147.4	+0.1	1.40
Pacific	120.5	128.9	+1.9	0.08
European	178.8	191.3	+0.9	0.76
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6100				
UK Equity	137.7	148.5	-0.8	2.80
Gilt & Fixed	102.5	109.0	-0.1	8.39
UK Smlr Co's Eq	115.5	123.9	-0.4	2.39
European	150.2	159.8	+1.5	1.04
N American	97.4	103.6	+0.3	2.27
Pacific	109.1	116.1	+1.9	0.56
SCOTTISH UNIT TRUST				
29, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031-226 4372				
Pacific	37.4	40.1	+0.5	..
World Growth	29.7	31.8	+0.1	0.77
N American	32.5	34.8	-0.3	0.90
Income Fund	37.2	39.8 s	-0.2	5.89
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU				
031-655 6000				
Peg Eq Inc	192.1	204.4	+1.6	3.27
Do Accum	219.3	233.4	+2.0	3.27
SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT				
30, City Road, London EC1Y 2AY				
01-638 6011				
Amer Tech & Gen	94.3	101.0	-0.5	0.10
Pacific	130.1	139.5	+2.0	0.89
Sec Income Fnd	142.8	152.8●	-1.1	5.15
Special Situations	157.4	168.4	-0.2	1.92
Energy & Res	22.4	27.2	..	0.10
American Majors	62.6	67.0	-0.1	2.50
Small Co's	30.8	33.0	-0.1	2.08
Japan Tech & Gen	63.8	68.3	+0.8	0.10
International Income	51.0	54.5●	..	6.00
Exempt	438.8	470.6●	..	2.56
UK General	23.6	25.3	+0.1	3.10
SIMON & COATES				
1, London Wall Bldgs, London EC2M 5PT				
01-588 3644 Ext 357				
Special Sits (5)	42.7	45.4	+0.1	1.67
STANDARD LIFE				
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
031 225 2552				
Income Units	205.5	221.4	+1.1	3.45
Do Accum Units	228.3	242.6	+1.2	3.45
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031-226 3271				
American Fund	198.8	208.7	+0.6	2.20
Do Accum	220.1	234.4	+0.8	2.20
Do Withdrawal	141.9	151.1	+0.4	2.20
Australian Fund	118.5	127.3	+1.0	0.81
Do Accum	120.8	128.7	+1.0	0.91
British Fund	477.1	508.1	..	4.82
Do Accum	635.0	676.3	..	4.82
European Fund	231.4	246.4	+1.5	0.99
Do Accum	242.7	258.5	+1.6	0.99
Japan Fund	220.6	235.0	+2.4	0.37
Do Accum	221.3	235.7	+2.5	0.37
Sakura PPF	143.6	151.2	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 56293				
Equity Trust Acc	326.6	347.4	-2.7	3.09
N Am Trust Acc	52.0	55.3	+0.2	1.53
Far East Trust Acc	55.9	59.4	+0.6	0.83
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
PO Box 3, Keens Hse, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG				
0264 62188 Dealings: 0264 63432				
American Inc	101.1	107.8	-0.1	1.24
Do Accum	105.3	112.1	..	1.24
Extra Income Inc	93.3	98.7	+0.1	6.00
Do Accum	104.5	111.2	..	6.00
General Unit Inc	132.5	141.0●	-1.0	3.12
Do Accum	215.8	229.4●	-1.6	3.12
Gilt & Fixed Inc	44.5	46.4●	-0.1	9.55
Do Accum	57.1	59.5●	-0.1	9.55
Income	176.3	187.6●	-1.3	4.94
Accum	270.6	287.9●	-2.0	4.94
Pacific Inc	114.7	122.1	+1.3	0.74
Do Accum	117.6	125.2	+1.4	0.74
Intl Inc	255.4	271.8	+0.9	1.84
Do Accum	313.6	333.7	+1.3	1.84
Selected Opps Inc	49.5	52.7	-0.1	2.05
Do Accum	53.8	57.3	-0.2	2.05
Natural Res	45.4	48.3	..	2.21
Do Accum	46.2	49.2	-0.1	2.21

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TARGET TRUST MANAGERS				
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks				
0296 5941				
Amer Eagle	70.5	75.0	-0.6	0.46
Australian	25.9	27.4●	-0.5	0.10
Commodity	75.7	82.5	-0.8	2.13
Energy	36.8	39.3	-0.5	1.38
Equity	103.7	111.3	-1.5	3.68
European Spec Sits	79.0	84.0	-1.1	0.29
Extra Income	99.1	106.0	-0.2	6.52
Financial	219.7	234.9	-1.0	2.14
Gilt Income	94.8	99.3	-0.5	9.89
Gold Income	61.1	65.3	-0.3	1.93
Do Accum	110.9	118.7	-0.6	1.90
Income	66.5	71.1	-1.3	5.42
Japan	55.9	59.8	+1.0	0.10
Malay & Singapore	18.4	19.6	+0.3	1.42
Pacific Inc	67.0	71.4	+1.5	0.10
Do Reinvest	82.1	87.5	+1.7	0.10
Pref Shares Fd	16.0	17.1	..	10.38
UK Capital	51.7	55.3●	-2.2	2.40
Special Sits	75.2	80.1 c	-0.3	1.01
Technology	42.8	45.7●	-0.4	0.10
World Income	48.4	51.7	-0.1	7.32
Worldwide Capital	116.9	124.5	-0.8	2.02
Equity Ex (3)	93.8	99.1 s	..	2.26
Do Accum (3)	119.3	127.3 s	..	2.26
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP				
01 928-3386				
Smaller Co's	67.6	71.9	+0.5	0.10
TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT				
01-248 1250				
American Growth	32.6	34.8	+0.1	0.63
General Growth	43.1	45.4	-0.1	3.04
Global Tech	34.5	36.9	-0.2	0.10
Income Growth	49.8	53.0	-0.5	5.36
Income Monthly	40.6	43.5	-0.1	7.37
Japan Growth	26.7	28.5	+0.3	0.18
O'seas Growth	36.5	39.2	+0.3	1.47
Smaller Cos	48.5	51.6	..	1.97
Special Opps	51.0	55.4 c	-0.4	1.32
TRANSATLANTIC & GENERAL SECURITIES				
91-99, New London Rd, Chelmsford				
0245 51651				
Colemco Inc (5)	383.0	400.0	..	4.29
Do Accum (5)	624.7	652.4	..	4.29
Fielding Fund (4)	199.9	214.2	-0.7	3.61
Do Accum (4)	218.8	234.5	-0.8	3.61
Fielding Am & Gen (4)	214.1	225.4	+7.8	1.48
Do Accum (4)	248.7	253.4	+8.9	1.48
Fielding Inc Fund (4)	143.3	150.9	+3.1	5.62
S & W Amer (3)	140.7	147.9	..	1.81
S & W Smlr Secs	104.1	109.6	..	0.61
TYNDALL MANAGERS				
18, Canynge Rd, Bristol				
0272 732241				
Australian	66.5	71.2	-0.3	1.30
Do Acc	68.7	73.5	-0.3	1.30
Capital	272.9	289.4●	-2.3	3.99
Do Accum	482.1	511.3●	-4.0	3.99
Exempt	237.2	252.7 c	-0.6	6.86
Do Accum	527.3	561.6 c	-1.4	6.86
Far Eastern	132.3	141.5	+1.7	0.86
Do Accum	142.0	151.9	+1.8	0.86
Fin & Prop	43.8	46.7 c	-0.3	4.24
Do Accum	67.3	71.7 c	-0.5	4.24
Gilt Capital	112.5	117.0	-0.2	7.28
Do Accum	126.4	131.5	-0.2	7.28
Gilt Income	100.5	104.4●	-0.1	10.48
Do Accum	157.7	163.7●	-0.1	10.48
High Yield	44.3	47.1	-0.1	7.28
Do Accum	94.3	100.5	-0.1	7.28
Income	186.2	197.5	-0.9	6.40
Do Accum	564.2	598.4	-2.6	6.46
Intl Earnings	137.4	146.4	-0.6	3.00
Do Accum	195.5	211.4	-0.9	3.03
Intl Growth	69.0	73.5	+0.3	0.95
Do Accum	71.4	76.1	+0.3	0.95
Japan Growth Accum	72.5	77.3	+0.9	0.20
Natural Resources	175.9	187.4	-1.6	1.92
Do Accum	239.7	257.0	-2.2	1.92
N Amer Growth	112.2	120.0 u	+0.5	0.90
Do Acc	129.7	138.3●	+0.7	0.90
Pref	107.5	114.5	..	11.32
Do Accum	267.5	284.9	..	11.32
Smaller Co's Dev Inc	45.4	48.4●	+0.2	1.85
Do Accum	60.9	64.2●	+0.1	1.85
Smaller Cos	157.1	167.4	-0.2	2.21
Do Accum	207.5	221.0	-0.3	2.74
Special Sits	65.3	69.9	-0.2	2.20
Do Accum	88.5	94.3	-0.3	2.20
European Growth	83.3	89.4	+0.4	1.25
UK PROVIDENT UT MANAGERS				
UK House, Castle St, Salisbury SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
UK Equity	102.4	108.5	-0.9	..
Pacific Basin	102.4	108.5	+1.8	..
N Amer	108.6	115.1	-0.5	..
VANGUARD TRUST				
65 Holborn Viaduct, EC1A 2EU				
01-236 3053				
Growth Inc	148.6	158.1 s	+1.1	2.42
Do Accum	214.5	228.2	+1.6	2.42
High Yield	172.5	183.5 c	+1.8	3.69
Special Sits	32.9	35.0●	+0.3	2.91
Trustee	109.0	116.0	..	4.39
Do Accum	162.5	172.9	..	4.39
Amer & Gen	51.9	55.3	+0.1	1.33
Master Portfolio (4)	£50.60	51.83	..	3.25
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2				
01-929 1532				
American Trust	63.1	67.9	-0.1	2.04
Far East & Gen	63.9	67.9	+0.6	1.41
Natural Resources	51.7	55.1	-0.2	1.85
Income Trust	67.9	72.1	-0.4	5.75
Japan Growth	67.3	72.3	+0.7	0.21
Small Companies	114.7	123.4	+1.1	2.01
Technology	34.1	36.7	-0.1	0.27
Australia	44.3	47.7●	-0.8	1.44
UK Trust	108.2	115.2	-1.1	2.73
European Growth	38.4	40.9	-0.1	1.30
Hong Kong	21.8	23.1	+0.6	2.60
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT				
13, Charlotte Sq., Edinburgh				
031-225 1551				
Australian Gold	18.7	20.0 c	-0.2	0.15
Pacific Basin Energy	16.4	17.5	+0.2	0.22
Canadian Bal Gth	48.3	50.0	..	3.00
Ginnie Mae Frd	$100.4	104.5 c	..	8.40
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey La EC2 8BT				
01-606 9085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	59.8	60.8	+0.1	11.40

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of the above). a Ex all (any two or more of the above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday in month (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly (45) 6th of the month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

TEMPUS

ICI reaps reward as the pound comes under fire

Sterling's plight may be viewed as poison in some quarters but for the chemical companies and for ICI in particular, it is pure nectar. Every phennig off the sterling exchange rate adds betwee £5 million and £7.5 million to ICI's profits, according to the broker, James Capel and Co. With a fall of nearly 20 pfennigs so far this week, that represents about an extra £100 million of profit for ICI.

The steady decline in the sterling–mark exchange rate since the summer has been reflected in a steady rise in the ICI share price. While the value of the pound against the mark has fallen by more than 16 per cent since the summer, ICI's share price has improved by 24 per cent from the September low of 632p. Yesterday ICI added 11p to close at 782p, as the pound dipped again against the mark.

Bayer and Hoescht, the German chamical companies, also saw their share prices strengthen. So, too, did Hickson International and Laporte, which also benefit from the strong mark. ICI's high proportion of mark-related sales is high, representing about 25 per cent of the total and well ahead of mark-linked costs.

About £300 million has been notionally added to ICI profits since July when there were four marks to the pound. There are currency swings as well as roundabouts: if the pound begins to strengthen against the mark profits fall. What ICI would appreciate most is stability, and its would not complain too much if sterling was locked into the European Monetary System at the current rate.

Clearly is is not just exchange rates which affect ICI's stock market rating. When the shares were at their January peak of 882p the pound-mark was 3.60. It is below that, but the share price is still only 782p. This, in some measure, reflects the inevitable time lag between physical transactions and their impact on the company's results. The view is that the gains to ICI will not begin to appear until the second quarter this year. The shares should be held as the currency benefits will eventually flow through.

Fitch Lovell

Now that food is a fashion business, manufacturers are having to show some nimble footwork. Fitch Lovell, in deals totalling £100 million in two years, has withdrawn from retailing and general wholesaling, and invested heavily in specialist distribution, convenience products and white meats. While the main switch of emphasis in now complete, further acquisitions are likely.

The benefits of the policy are apparent in the interim results. Profits rose by 29 per cent to £9.04 million even though sales were slightly down, reflecting the disposal of the cash and carry business. Earnings per share were 26 per cent higher.

The company's move away from fatty meats was given extra impetus in the half year by a scare about the content of pork products. Sales of sausages were down by 20 per cent at one point. The damage to profits, however, was offset by a fortuitous drop in the cost of pork, which on its own probably added £750,000 to group profits. Given the company's vulnerability to both health fads and volatile prices, further acquisitions in this field are unlikely.

Trent Meats, a producer of cooked meats, acquired last year, and other recent purchases contributed a further £750,000. But the sale of the cash and carry business cost £300,000.

The second half will include maiden contributions from two specialist distributors and from Ashmount, a manufacturer of turkey and chicken products. Ashmount has just developed a process that will extend shelf life to three months but it is too early to say how successful this will be.

After this year's purchases Frich Lovell is likely to end the year with net debt of £10 million. That still leaves scope for further expansion, though the company is now anxious to avoid paying too much goodwill.

At 265p the shares are trading on 16 times prospective earnings, a rating which allows the company to continue making acquisitions without dilution.

Standard Chartered

Standard Chartered has been one of the dimmer stars in the banking constellation since 1981. Unfortunately its prospects, in near term, do not look significantly brighter. Yesterday the shares dropped 5p to 434p, helped down by a report from the brokers W. Greenwell, revising downwards earlier profit estimates for 1985 and 1986.

Out of seven major geographical areas of operation, at least five are showing a fall in profits or no gain. In South Africa, Stanbic (Standard Bank Investment Corporation) has admitted that deteriorating business conditions would not allow more than modest growth at best during 1985.

Conditions in Hong Kong are difficult. From zero profit in 1983, the contribution leapt to a profit of HK$290 million the following year. The figure is expected to fall back to around HK$230 million for the whole of 1985.

Standard Chartered also faces the problem of currency fluctuations. Its profits are earned in South African rands and US dollars. Since the bank reported an interim profit improvement of 40 per cent last year, both currencies have dropped in value – the dollar by around 20 cents.

Taking these considerations into account, Greenwell's analysts have revised their 1985 profit estimates from £276 million to £254 million and their 1986 estimate from £320 to £280 million. This could be a premature judgement. The Singapore businessman, Tan Koon Swan, who was probably the last hope of saving something from the wreckage of Pan Electric, has left the scene. Standard is involved to the tune of £35 million around half of it secured against property and business in Singapore.

APPOINTMENTS

Tootal Group: Mr **Geoffrey Maddrell** is to join the board and become managing director.

Conoco U.K.: Mr **John Ogren** succeeds Mr **Harry Sager** as chairman and managing director. Mr Sager becomes vice-president, North American production.

Lloyds Bank: Mr **Leon Wilkinson** has been appointed chief financial officer.

British Nuclear Fuels: Mr **Christopher Harding** is to be chairman and Mr **Neville Chamberlain** chief executive.

The Institute of London Underwriters: Mr **David Lowen** has been elected chairman and Mr **John Parton** deputy chairman.

Trafalgar House: Mr **Alan Kennedy** has been appointed a non-executive director. He will become a full-time executive director on March 31 with responsibility for the group's shipping and hotel operations.

Bowring Macalaster & Senior: Mr **Len Hughes** becomes chairman. Mr **Gordon Senior** and Mr **John Paul** become joint deputy chairmen and Mr **Alan MacKay** and Mr **Mike Adam** joint managing directors.

Petrocon Group: Mr **John Carney** has been appointed group financial director.

The Guidehouse Group: **Lord Derwent** has joined the board as a non-executive director. Mr **Jonathan Davis** becomes managing director of Guidehouse, Mr **Michael Jackson** managing director of Guidehouse Securities and Mr **Harold Bach** managing director of Greyfriars Trust.

Taylor Woodrow: Mr **R. G. Smith** becomes chairman of Taylor Woodrow Construction (Northern). Mr **K. van der Lee** becomes chairman of Taylor Woodrow Construction (Scotland), and a director of Taylor Woodrow Construction (Northern). Mr **M. Laycock** has joined the board of Taylor Woodrow Construction (Scotland).

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Takeover talk helps to trim the losses

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Takeover news and speculation kept the stock market out of trouble yesterday, helping to reduce what would otherwise have been heavy losses across the lists.

The day began in poor style, with share prices falling steadily in the morning. By lunchtime the FT-SE 100 share index had lost 21.9 points, and the FT 30 share index was down 18.1 points.

Scrimgeour Vickers had Allied-Lyons in to lunch at its City offices yesterday, and noises emerging from the meeting were encouraging enough to put 7p on the shares, to 263p. Analysts at Scrimgeour, however, were tight-lipped about the information they gleaned.

Oil prices and interest rates were again the cause of the problem. Around mid-morning dealers were dismayed to see the spot price of North Sea Brent drop below $19 a barrel. Warnings from Saudi Arabia that oil prices will fall below $15 a barrel if there is no co-operation on production quotas added to the gloom and Brent was soon changing hands at little over $17 though the price rallied later.

Then came a spate of takeover news and the revitalization of several rumours. Coats Patons revealed that it has received an approach which might lead to a bid, and the share price jumped to 200p, up 50p on the day.

The news confirmed speculation which had fluttered around the market for some months, but market men still had plenty to guess about in finding the bidder. Courtaulds was tipped as the most likely buyer, with a one-for-one share offer, and its share price rose 10p to 206p.

Entrad, the Australian group which failed last year in a takeover attempt on Tootal, was also reckoned to be sniffing at the Coats Patons business and there were other market men unwilling to let go of the idea that BTR will make an offer for CP. Only on Wednesday BTR announced the sale of Cornhill Insurance for £305 million which is bound to be spent on acquisitions.

McKechnie Brothers put in a bid for Newman Tonks, and sent the latter's price 40p higher to 135p. McKechnie fell 9p to 204p, partly reflecting market disappointment over the hoped-for bid for McKechnie itself. Williams Holdings, which has more than 6 per cent of McKechnie, was expected to make a move soon.

Back among the rumours, Beecham Group was again on the move, the shares gaining 25p to 366p. The latest suggestion from the market was that Unilever and ICI are ready to launch a joint offer for the household goods and drugs combine. BAT Industries is also reckoned to be about to pounce on Beecham.

Distillers gained 10p to 570p in late trading as the market suddenly became convinced that the Guinness takeover bid would not be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Meanwhile it seems that GEC is continuing to sell Distillers shares. At one time it had more than 10 million. Now, it is reliably understood, the GEC stake is about 2 million.

With all these excitements, and a few more, the market suddenly took a turn for the better. Oil prices also recovered somewhat, and the looked-for increase in base rates did not appear.

By the end of the day the FT-SE index was just 8.4 points down at 1382.8, and the 30 share index only 3.2 points lower at 1120.4. Prices of government stocks also ended the day in better shape, shaking off early losses of around £¼ to close virtually unchanged.

British Telecom fell 2p to 180p on yesterday's report in *The Times* that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would block its bid for Mitel, the Canadian electronics group. Mitel shares were suspended at 430p.

Rugby Portlane Cement recovered from 3½p fall to show a 2½p gain at 153p as talk of a bid continued to circulate. Lafarge, the Continental group, is named as the most likely bidder.

Westland surged to 123p up 28p as the Prudential Corporation sold its 4.4 per cent interest. Ferranti, the electronic group, eased 3p to 135p on a profit downgrading by Hoare Govett, the broker. Mr Basil de Ferranti, the chairman, disclosed he had sold 800,000 shares at prices up to 147p. His shareholding is now 1.2 per cent.

Marks and Spencer was unsettled by a broker's sell recommendation. The shares fell 3p to 165p. Pritchard Services gained 2½p to 69p on suggestions of a bid. Hawley was again mentioned as a possible predator.

Clive Discount sprang to life with takeover speculation again providing the spur. The shares rose 6p to 43p.

Campari, the camping and leisure group, rose 5p to 47p as the long-suspected presence of a bidder was confirmed.

Klearfold, the packaging group, could not have chosen a worst day for its market debut. It closed 116p against a 118p offer price.

Breakmate continued to respond to the start of takeover negotiations, rising a further 20p to 185p. Stanelco improved 5p to 43p as Mr Peter Beswick, with Henderson Croswaite, the broker, and Mr David Landau, a solicitor, acquired Pavion International's 60 per cent shareholding at just 10p a share. A 10p-a-share offer goes to other shareholders.

Pavion, a cosmetics group, recently sold its controlling shareholding in Sangers Photographic.

There was a flurry of late business in Cooper Industries as the market geared itself for further action there. Kennedy Smale, which holds 21 per cent of Cooper, is expected to make an offer, but Rosedale Investments, which is friendly to the Cooper board, continues to buy shares.

Earlier this week Rosedale bought around 4 million shares, taking its stake to 13 per cent. Another 14 per cent holding in Cooper is believed to be controlled by one investor, though no one is sure which side such a holder will take. The Cooper price moved above 30p in late trade, having opened the day at 27½p.

A & M Group, which hires antique furniture to film makers, hovers near its low at 13p after the breakdown of merger talks with Promotion House and lower profits. But the company's recent acquisition, the television commercial group, is scheduled to make £300,000 profits in a full year compared with the £371,000 the rest of the group achieved last year. An A & M's near 15 per cent shareholding in Promotion House could be up for sale.

Profits of KLP Group, the sales promotion and direct marketing group, jumped from £962,000 to £1.356 million in the year to last September and should hit £1.8 million this year. The company made seven acquisitions last year, and is expected to keep up the takeover pace this year. The shares were unchanged at 315p.

Home Charm Group fell 2p to 242p. Wood Mackenzie & Co., the broker, has returned the shares to its buy list. It has, however, lowered its profit forecast from £13.5 million to £12 million. In its previous year the Texas Homecare group achieved profits of £10.8 million. HCG's shares have come down from 368p last year and Wood Mackenzie feels they are now very cheap for a stock traditionallly commanding a significant premium.

The broker has also lowered its current year forecast from £19 million to £17 million.

Traded option highlights

Action flared on the traded options pitches ahead of today's end of the main equity Account. A total of 21,310 contracts were traded, with takeover favourites, oils and currencies leading the surge of business. Beecham saw 2,594, BP 2,145 and the dollar/sterling option 1,226 contracts traded. There were also high volumes in Imperial, Lonrho, BTR and BATs.

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Another snip at the red tape

By Teresa Poole

A detailed programme for the simplication of the rules and regulations governing small businesses has been drawn up by the Forum of Private Business – with a forecast that a million new jobs could be created.

The package based on three years of research, claims to reduce the bureaucratic burden on small businesses without diluting the law itself.

The Forum is lobbying for some of its ideas to be incorporated into the White Paper on deregulation, due from the Department of Employment in May, and a demonstration was given last month to David Trippier, the minister for small business.

The main thrust of the proposals is a three-tier system to cover all legislation. This covers detailed questionnaires, standardized notice-boards with booklets, and a free phone service available for both employers and employees.

The Forum proposes a "tax amnesty" to flush out those who want to leave the black economy and go legitimate. Part of the reason for the black economy, the Forum believes, is a reluctance to deal with regulations.

Because an amnesty would increase competition for existing companies, the Forum suggests a new legal identity – the micro-company – for all small businesses which would confer qualification for a tax-deferral scheme and cheap forms of borrowing. The Forum also wants the VAT threshold increased to £100,000.

The bulk of the jobs forecast would be created in existing businesses where employers cite the red-tape burden as a block to expansion.

Fashioning a future: Marion Whitelaw, left; Rebecca Myram; and Lise Anne Dawes

Drawing up a profit

For the past three months, in a quiet corner of the Royal College of Art in central London, 15 young designers have put aside their sketches and concentrated instead on the art of drawing up cash-flow forecasts, *writes Teresa Poole.*

They were taking part in a new Design Enterprise Programme started by the London Enterprise Agency to give young art and design graduates a grounding in the skills needed to run a business.

The graduates, chosen last year from more than 250 applicants, are more used to grappling with the problems of perspective than the subtleties of profit-and-loss accounts. But at an exhibition of their work last week to mark the end of the first course, potters and textile designers alike were happily chatting about their working capital requirements and bank loan proposals.

The 14-week programme, funded by the Manpower Services Commission, provides intensive classroom instruction in finance, tax, business skills and marketing, followed by a period of market research for which there is a £500 grant. By the end of the course the designers, each complete with a detailed business plan, are equipped to start their own businesses.

Between them the 15 would-be entrepreneurs have a wide range of talents in textile, pottery, jewellery, clothing and furniture design. Now that the course is finished they have all been granted £1,000 under the LEntA Loan Scheme and many are now applying to join the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

Marion Whitelaw, aged 25, from Glasgow, designs and prints scarves made of knitted and woven silk. Between leaving college in 1984 and joining the Design Enterprise Programme she supported herself by freelance work, including some design commissions for the internationally renowned Jean Muir. A buyer from New York heard about Marion's work and ordered 12 scarves, worth £900, which this week were sent to the US.

Working from her own flat, but with access to printing facilities, she now plans to approach London boutiques with her scarves, which retail for around £150. She has persuaded the bank to lend £2,000 and to provide a £2,000 overdraft and is forecasting a £10,000 turnover in her first year.

Rebecca Myram, also 25, from Kent, designs and makes furniture in small batches and to private commissions. With the help of the RCA's cabinet-maker, she has developed a technique for steam-bending ash and has designed a prize-winning chair.

As part of a competition prize, Miss Myram has a rent and rate free studio in Shoreditch, London.

Not all of the designers intend to stay in London. Lise Anne Dawes, aged 22, who designs and prints materials for her own cloth designs, is looking for premises in Manchester. She says: "London is flooded with upmarket designers."

Miss Dawes needs a £5,500 loan from the bank and £2,000 working capital overdraft facilities. Most of her work is in silk.

● *Contact: London Enterprise Agency, 69 Cannon Street, London EC4N 5AB.*

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● *Contact: HCITB, Tel. (01) 902 5316.*

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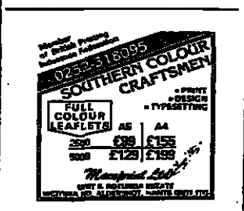

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(1) of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £57,000,000 to £17,446,950.50 and
(2) the cancellation of the share premium account of the said Company amounting to £26,590,000;
AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday 3rd February 1986.
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City waits with open arms for Wellcome on Valentine's Day

By Clare Dobie

Wellcome, Britain's second largest drug company, is famed for its ability to bring together lateral thinking bottins and foot-in-the-door salesmen. When the company is floated on the stock market next month the City seems bound to unroll a red carpet, inscribed with an eponymous but fairly obvious message of greeting.

But the drugs group has been even cleverer. In order to guarantee a good reception for the shares, it has arranged for trading to start on February 14, St Valentine's Day. It is hoping for love at first sight.

Even though the stock market has fallen recently, there seems little doubt that investors will be queuing up, cheque books in hand, to subscribe for shares. After the flotation the group will probably be valued at comfortably over £1 billion.

A special poignancy attaches itself to the whole idea of a Wellcome flotation. Underlying its undoubted commercial success there is a hard core of traditional philanthropy, not unlike the Quaker traditions which are part and parcel of Rowntree Mackintosh. It is the commitment to human well-being, as well as a keen eye for the market opportunity, which has led Wellcome to plough huge chunks of its research and development budget into work on treatments for herpes and Aids.

Until now Wellcome's only shareholder has been a charity, the Wellcome Trust. It was the trust's decision to sell some of its shares, so it could spread its investment portfolio, that has led to the flotation.

According to Sir David Steel, chairman of the trustees, there was concern about having "all our eggs in one basket, notwithstanding the excellence of that basket".

The relationship between the trust and the company dates back to 1936, the year Sir Henry Wellcome died. Sir Henry, a pharmacist and collector, founded Wellcome in 1880, together with Mr Silas Burroughs, a fellow American and a keen salesman.

From the start there was a tension between Sir Henry's strong commercial instincts and his religious background. When he was 21 he wrote to his parents: "I have always had a desire for wealth and still have . . . but I want to live a life devoted to the true God and to mankind".

The trust was set up under the terms of Sir Henry's will. It was to own the company, then called Wellcome Foundation, so it could use the profits for medical research. In the 50 years of its existence the trust has received £150 million from Wellcome. It was able to spend £22 million last year, making it the largest medical research charity in Britain.

Wellcome's main products for human healthcare

	1985 £m	%
Cough and cold preparations	142	17
Systemic antibacterials	99	12
Topical anti-infectives	83	10
Anti-gout preparations	80	10
Anti-virals	62	7
Cardiovascular treatments	60	7
Muscle relaxants	37	5
Analgesics	29	4
Diagnostics	17	2
Vaccines	9	1
Other pharmaceuticals	104	13
Other non-pharmaceuticals	103	12
Total	825	100

Wellcome, the company, has an almost unrivalled reputation for producing new drugs. Historically it has attracted some of the brightest and best researchers available and, until last year, it had what many in the scientific community regarded as the best pharmacological department in the country.

It was led by Sir John Vane, a Nobel prize winner, and Sir James Black, another world renowned scientist. Their time saw the development of both Septrin, an important anti-bacterial, and Zyloric, a treatment for gout which still accounts for 10 per cent of Wellcome's sales.

But their main contribution to Wellcome was their work on anti-virals, a field where Wellcome now has a commanding lead. Zovirax, a treatment for herpes, was forst launched in 1981, when many Americans feared an outbreak of epidemic proportions.

Wellcome is currently carrying out clinical trials on a new anti-Aids drug but, as the company is the first to admit, it could be years before the drug reaches the market.

The time lapse between discovering a drug and launching it on the market makes it difficult to assess the contribution of individuals. It is clear, however, that the presence of Sir John Vane and Sir James Black attracted other brilliant researchers, who seem to have been undeterred by rivalry between the two great men.

Whether or not it was as the result of a power struggle or on the advice of Arthur D. Little, the consultants brought in to report on the management of Wellcome's research, both Sir James and Sir John left the company last year. As one academic put it "Morals was shattered. The two big names had gone and, as if to add insult to injury, the Trust gave a vote of no confidence by announcing its decision to sell some of its shares."

Earlier this month Dr Pedro Cuatrecasas, the head of American research, announced plans to join Glaxo, Britain's largest pharmaceutical company. Wellcome's public relations team did its best to play down the importance of the departure but its task was made by more difficult by subsequent events.

With only two weeks to go before the prospectus was due out, Mr Bill Sullivan, the head of Burroughs Wellcome, the American subsidiary, resigned very suddenly on January 13.

Wellcome's chairman and chief executive, Mr Alfred Shepperd denied there had been a dispute about who would be hier apparent, but Mr Sullivan's unexpected loss nevertheless underlines the tension between the American and British ends of the operation.

The United States has powered Wellcome's growth in the past five years, when sales have doubled from £500 million to £1 billion and profits have risen from £50 million to £122 million

The loss of four key figures in less than 12 months is particularly unfortunate in view of the imminent flotation.

Wellcome is doing its best to dispel the cloud hanging over it with roadshows and presentations to financial institutions. But there is no British Telecom style appeal to private investors.

Great play is being made of the company's future plans, in which the anti-Aids drug clearly plays an important part. Other new drugs include Wellbrutin, an anti-depressant which will be launched in the US this year and a new antihistamine, and research continues on treatments for glandular fever and further uses of existing products. Wellcome is also trying to break in to the Japanese market.

These projects should keep Wellcome's profits moving firmly forward over the next two or three years. This year, however, is proving more problematic, thanks to the vagaries of the exchange rates. The fall in the dollar has hit Wellcome hard so that it is not expected to push up profits very far in the year to end August. The flotation could have been better timed.

The shares will not be finally priced until January 29, when the prospectus is published. Unlike the Government, which has an interest in sponsoring people's capitalism, Wellcome Trust only has an interest in raising as much money for research as possible. This means the margin for error is small. This time it is science and not the Treasury that benefits.

Time running short for solution to tin crisis

When the 22 members of the board and committee of the London Metal Exchange gather today they will be painfully aware that it is up to three months to the day since the International Tin Council withdrew from the market and the exchange was forced to suspend tin trading.

Those three months have been the most extraordinary episode in the modern history of commodity markets. An international body, set up 30 years ago by treaty between 22 member states, has squabbled within itself and with its creditors over gross debts of £900 million.

So serious, convoluted and even acrimonious have the divisions been during the longest closure of any commodity market since the Second World War that it would be a brave metal broker or banker who said the end was in sight.

The issue, as Mr Jacques Lion, chairman of the LME board has stressed from the beginning, is the sanctity of contract. If 22 countries can collectively avoid all or part of their commercial debts, what security is there for traders?

The ITC was much the biggest trader in the tin market. At least 13 LME brokers – half the exchange's membership – have positions with the ITC as sellers to it, buyers from it, or both.

When the buffer stock abruptly ceased operations nobody was sure of what it had left behind. The ITC secretariat was forced to call in outside auditors, Peat Marwick Mitchell.

What the auditors found horrified the most alarmed broker. The ITC had forward contracts to buy more than 67,000 tonnes of tin before the end of this month. It had stocks of almost 53,000 tonnes. Against this it had sales commitments of more than 70,000 tonnes, of which 30,000 were undated and unpriced contracts running to 1987. On top of the tin mountain, the ITC had borrowed £350 million from a group of 14 banks and brokers.

These huge quantities mattered because the ITC's withdrawal from the market would have caused a collapse of the price had he LME not suspended trading. The day before the suspension, tin was trading at £8,500 a tonne. On the morning of the suspension it was £8,140. Recent informal deals have been done at below £6,000.

But the ITC's purchase contracts would have been priced at more than £8,000. If the ITC therefore squared its position – sold and bought all its commitments – at an average price of £6,000 it would lose £263 million. And that would not be the end of the story. The ITC would be left with stocks of just under 50,000 tonnes.

Selling these stocks might reduce the shortfall to £160 million. It would, however, cause chaos in a market already oversupplied with tin. Mines would close – 8,000 miners have been laid off in Malaysia – and several metal brokers with contracts with the ITC could be bankrupted.

For a month now the ITC has been studying a plan out forward by Mr Peter Graham, senior deputy chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, and Mr Ralph Kestenbaum, managing director of Gerald Metals. The plan is to set up a new company, capitalized with £200 million of equity from the ITC members, £70 million from the banks and brokers, and a £50 million loan from the British Government.

Newco, as it has become known, would take on all the ITC's obligations. The buffer stock would be wound up, although the ITYC might continue as a substantial body. Banks and brokers deeply resent being forced to pay part of the ITC's debts, and the ITC is still suggesting that its contribution should be lower. But as more and more contracts fall due and legal actions between brokers to settle business accumulate, time is very short.

Michael Prest

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **RANKS HOVIS MCDOUGALL:** The chairman says in his annual report that current trading results remain encouraging. As stated on December 27 the bad wheat harvest of 1985 made it difficult to forecast the outcome for the current year. Otherwise, he says, the company has made a good start and he expects to report another satisfactory year.

● **IMRY PROPERTY HOLDINGS:** An interim dividend of 1.8p (1.7p), payable on April 8, has been declared. With figures in £000, gross rents from investment properties totalled 3,053 (2,573) for the half year to September 30.

● **WILLIAM DAWSON (HOLDINGS):** A final dividend of 9.6p making 12.4p (10p), payable next Monday, has been announced for the year to September 30. Turnover was £36,336,000 (£30,304,000), pretax profit £3,620,000 (£3,004,000) and profit after tax £2,080,000 (£1,698,000). Earnings per share rose to 57.29p (47.54p).

● **NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF SAUDI ARABIA:** net profit available for distribution for 1985 was downto Rial 99.6 million or £19.5 million from 499.4 million. But net income totalled Rial 4.9 billion.

● **CENTROVINCIAL ESTATES:** The company has declared an interim dividend of 3p (3p), payable on April 7, for the six months to September 30. With figures in £000, gross rental income was 4,538 (4,413) and net income from properties before interest and tax 2,723 (2,445). Earnings per share were 5.44p (5.95).

● **MICROGEN HOLDINGS:** A final dividend of 3p making 4.5p (2.5p) for the year to October 31 has been declared. With figures in £000, turnover was up to 23,114 (19,843), profit before tax to 5,062 (3,318) and profit available to shareholders to 2,854 (1,081). Earnings per share before extraordinary items were 16.3p (8.9).

● **JOHN BEALES:** Results for the year to November 30 include an interim dividend of 1.35p (1.2p). With figures in £000, turnover was 7,694 (7,027), gross profit 685 (537) and operating profit 357 (229). Earnings per share, fully diluted, were 8.1p (5.5p).

● **GEORGE DEW:** The chairman states in his progress report that efforts are now concentrated on the reorganization required to compete in the company's "very challenging" market. The board has accepted by agreement the resignations of Mr B. Parry, and Mr J. M. Yates.

● **PAREDALE HOLDINGS:** Results for the six months to October 31 show an interim dividend of 0.375p (0.25p), payable on February 27. Gross rents totalled £281,609 (£261,145) with financial services income at £232,986 (£233,829).

● **HILL AND SMITH HOLDINGS:** The report for the year to September 30 includes a one-for-10 capitalization plan. A dividend of 2.6p (2.675p) making 3.85p (3,675p) is also included. With figures in £000 turnover rose to 27,408 (22,380) and pretax profit to 1,655 (1,438). Earnings per share net basis were 11.16p (10.95p) and nil basis 11.16p (8.17p).

● **DERBY TRUST:** A second interim dividend of 4.6924p (3.953p), making 8.3681p (7.115p), payable on February 28, has been declared. With figures in £000, income from fixed assets, investments, dividends and interest totalled 1,542 (1,390). Net earnings per income share were 8.3681p (7.115p) an assets attributable to capital shares £2.47¾ (£2.33½).

● **THOMAS FRENCH & SONS:** A final dividend of 1.725p (1.725), making 2.875p (2.875p), for the year to September 28 has been announced. With figures in £000 sales totalled 26832 (25353), operating profit 905 (1562) and pretax profit 947 (1613). Earnings per share were 1.05p (4.43p).

● **ESTATES PROPERTY INVESTMENT CO:** Results for the six months to October 31 include an interim dividend of 3p (2.75p). With figures in £000, rents receivable totalled 3,055 (2,697) less ground rents payable 563 (400). Net property income was 2,235 (1,998) and earnings pewr share were 5.98p (4.83p).

● **BEVAN HOLDINGS:** Results for the six months to September 30 (figures in £000) show turnover of 10,441 (8,941), operating profit of 365 (290) and pretax profit of 135 (129). Earnings per ordinary share slipped to 1.21p (1.26p). An interim dividend of 0.4p (0.25p), payable on April 10, has been announced.

● **UNION CARBIDE:** A quarterly dividend of $1.25 or 89p per share ($0.85), payable on March 1, has been announced. The board has authorized that the previously announced three-for-one stock split be effected in the form of a stock dividend on the corporation's issued shares. The new shares will be distributed on March 14.

● **DENMANS ELECTRICAL:** A final dividend of 2.45p (2.25p) making 3.7p (3.5p) has been declared in the results for the year to August 30. With figures in £000, turnover was 18,669 (17,608) and pretax profit 1,002 (948). Earnings per share were 13.40p (13.38p).

● **LONDON AND NORTHERN GROUP:** The northern companies in London and Northern Group have been awarded contracts worth £3.94 million in the north of England and southern Scotland.

● **EMESS LIGHTING:** The company has acquired Abelscot for £400,000. Consideration is to be satisfied by the issue of 88,000 Emess ordinary shares and £100,000 floating rate unsecured loan stock 1987-90 and £88,800 in cash.

● **ARGENTEX RESOURCE EXPLORATION:** The company has raised C$500,000 in a private placement with options for a further C$150,000 by the end of May. The proposed public offering through the Vancouver Stock Exchange has been withdrawn.

ATHLETICS: COMMONWEALTH GAMES RULING COULD LEAD TO NEW CONTROVERSY

Budd's Edinburgh entry at risk

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The immediate concern over Zola Budd's late arrival back in Britain to defend her national indoor 1,500 metres title this weekend will be nothing compared to the criticism of another long absence in South Africa if it causes her to miss this summer's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Inquiries yesterday drew no comment, but English team officials are known to be greatly concerned by the ambiguities in Article 34 (iii) of the Commonwealth Games Constitution (1985) which states that eligible competitors who wish to represent a country other than that of their birth must reside in their chosen country for at least six out of the 12 months preceding the opening date of the Games.

Miss Budd, who arrived in London from South Africa yesterday morning, wishes to represent England at 1,500 metres in Edinburgh. But, with the Games opening on July 24, and individual entries due on July 6, she would not qualify even if she stayed in England continuously from now.

Of the other qualifying six months since July 24 last year, Miss Budd has only spent a handful of days in her Guildford digs. One factor which may help Miss Budd's case is a sub-clause relating to a residence in the new country of qualification. On a brief trip to London last November, to receive the women's award of the British Athletics Writers Association, Miss Budd did buy a house in Guildford.

But, opinion among officials, who originally welcomed Miss Budd to Britain with open arms is beginning to harden. Members of the British Amateur Athletic Board have made it clear to Miss Budd's South African coach, Pieter Labuschagne, that he would not be welcome back in England. Compared to this latest political problem for Miss Budd and her backers, the defence of her 1500 metres title at Cosford, which begins with this evening's heats, should be easy.

In the two-day meeting sponsored by Pearl Assurance, there will be much more competitive interest, especially in the 3,000 metres and 200 metres. David Lewis is prepared to give Sebastian Coe a serious test over 3,000 metres in tomorrow's final, if Coe decides to run the longer distance, as expected, instead of the 1,500 metres.

Curiously for a man who has raced indoors, albeit irregularly, over the last 12 years, Coe has never competed in the senior 1,500 metres, at which he has won two Olympic gold medals. But he has won the 3,000 metres twice, the latter in 1981 in 7min 55.2sec, one of the fastest championship times. But Lewis, the title-holder, is looking to break the championship best of 7:50.0 by Ian Stewart in 1972. He said yesterday: "As soon as I heard Coe might be running, two and a half weeks ago, I modified my training. I cut out hill running, and replaced it with track sessions. I hope Coe does run, because I'm feeling quite sharp. I realize that if he's still with me 400 metres to go, it will be goodbye. But I'm thinking more of a fast last 1,000 metres.

Two of the best races at Cosford last year were the 200 metres contested by Ade Mafe and Todd Bennett. They won one each, but since Mafe had beaten Bennett the previous year, Bennett is now seeking to redress the balance.

FOOTBALL

John Bond (right) with his assistant, Fred Davies, after taking over at Birmingham City yesterday

Bond joins Birmingham

John Bond has taken charge of another club that is in the deepest financial trouble (Stuart Jones Football Correspondent, writes). Sacked last month from Swansea City, who were and still are in danger of extinction, he was appointed yesterday as the new manager of Birmingham City, who are £2¼ million in debt.

"I think everybody knows the situation at Birmingham," he said. "Somebody is going to have to keep them in the first division this season and the finances will start to improve from there. But I am used to this sort of situation now. It was worse at Manchester City, for example. I accepted Birmingham's offer principally because I was out of a job but also because I wanted to return to the first division".

For the third time he has followed in the footsteps of Ron Saunders, who resigned from Birmingham last week. The trail started at Norwich City in 1973 when Saunders similarly walked out after a boardroom row. It continued at Manchester City, although Bond's immediate predecessor in 1980 was Malcolm Allison.

Manchester City at the time were anchored to the foot of the first division without a League victory. As well as keeping the afloat, he led them to the FA Cup final. Three years later he resigned, saying that he was not prepared to "take money under false pretences".

Bond stepped down into the lower divisions, first with Burnley and then with Swansea. His new side have lost their last nine games at home and have not under Saunders, they were humiliated by Altrincham in the FA Cup.

Bond, who takes over without a contract, plans to select the first team for a reserve match against Chelsea tomorrow (Birmingham have no Canon League fixture). Fred Davies, a former colleague at Swansea, will be his assistant and Kevin Reeves, once of Norwich and Manchester City, is to become Birmingham's coach.

More football, page 22

Why gridiron scores over Rugby Union

A game failing to realize its potential

It was a heart-warming welcome home accompanied with, to him, a death-defying leap with arms outstretched, followed by an embrace which all fathers love from their sons. The Twickenham match was over and dead.

"Hey, dad . . . could you please get a video tape for the match?"

"But, the England-Wales game is now over . . ."

"No, you don't understand . . ." Not many parents do, I reflected, as the first signs of a generation gap yawned between me and my seven-year-old . . . "No, I want to tape the Super Bowl. American football is on Sunday until 2.0 in the morning. Have we got a four-hour tape so I can see it. Please . . . Dad?"

The momentary high spirits, occasioned by the embrace, plummeted somewhat. A sinking feeling set in at the sacrilege that the memory of an England-Wales match, for goodness sake, should be so summarily dismissed. Twickenham, in recollection, hardly mattered to him, but the preparations were well in hand for a game, so foreign to our sporting culture, was now enthusiastically anticipated.

But to the child's gaze and uninhibited imagination, it was not much of a memory. Not much to savour for an old man's prejudice, either. Certainly not of the kind you wish to carry round in your pocket beyond next week.

The boy, being a pretty determined fellow, you understand, already had his imitation Welsh jersey (with feathers) and the other paraphernalia. This Christmas, though, he wanted a grid-iron helmet. The vest he already has and represents his favourite San Francisco Fortyniners, so he tells me, amid the other, to me, unintelligible statistics. You get the drift that he is, by courtesy of the flickering vision of an A-team culture in the corner, more than a little partial to this sweeping and addictive phenomenon.

In its edited form, it is a colourful pageant. It has style and seems to be a lot of fun. And there are lots of touch-downs. But, the spoil-sport might say, the real game is not like that. Telescopically, the lens zooms in on the highlights. Yes . . . quite so. But how much truer were last weekend's international matches in which 17 penalties were kicked, to the real spirit of rugby football. And which one of them inspires a fertile imagination.

And if that is my son in this random double-handed survey, what of my pal, the television executive, from the West (of England, I hastily add) whose unbounded enthusiasm for rugby persuades me that he might put many a Welshman to shame. He said, wistfully, that international rugby is no longer coming up to expectation. Christmas over, he says, is the sign that the international season is here. He gets excited, he says.

"But", he said – you knew that the awful "but" was coming – "these days it is like taking off the wrapping paper only to find there is no sparkling, glittering gift. Only something made out of plastic, instead."

The game must appeal to the boy's sense of wonder and to flatter the child's sense of wonder, almost forgotten, in the adult.

The coach will tell you that one point ahead is enough. And the players will insist that to win is the vital point. Of course, but only so long as the game encourages the swift and the brave as much as it nowadays does the whistle and the penalty kicker. If not, the game is no game at all.

Seventeen penalties in the window-shopping glamour of the international set is absurd and lays the game open to ridicule. As, in fact, it did momentarily at Twickenham where the occasional boos were not the expression of extreme partisanship for either side, not against any transgressions or ill-discipline. They were targeted at the silliness of some of the laws and the unfortunate man in the middle whose task it was to interpret them.

How self-defeating these laws are could be seen in the way they blighted the coherent attitudes of both teams: Jonathan Davies's swift dropout, for instance, courageously taken in the opening minute, epitomized this, while Huw, his namesake, on the England side, though a touch nervous under the high ball, was dangerously elusive in attack. Dooley waded ambitiously down the middle and Devereux ran out of defence.

These hints and gestures were of adventurous men. More of which would have created the memories of a kind which penalties, apart from Andrew's first, can rarely inspire. But the laws, not necessarily the referee's interpretation of them, contrive to blunt the edge and stifle ambition. The game's potential remains frustratingly unrealized.

Gerald Davies

RUGBY UNION: WEST LONDON INSTITUTE MAKE JOHN PLAYER DEBUT

Thomas in move to alter laws

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Testyn Thomas, the Harlequins' coach, has put into words what many players and administrators felt after a penalty-ridden international weekend. He hopes his club will press for an amendment to the present law relating to the ruck and maul with the intention of restoring greater eloquence to a game currently suffering from constipation.

Thomas, reflecting some serious discussion among Harliquins officials, would like to see the ball-carrier go to ground without play being stopped if (a) the ball is released immediately; (b) the ruck is moving forward; and (c) if the referee can see the ball.

Colin Herridge, the Harlqeuin secretary, said: "The referee is now on a hiding to nothing. If he tries to let the game flow he may contravene what the law says. The danger is now that the games will be won by sides playing pressure rugby, that is sides who aim merely to play the game in the opposition half and wait for mistakes so that they can kick penalties."

CORRECTION

In a photograph of the rugby match between the English and Welsh universities published last Saturday, the player "handing off" was Iain Hunter, not Koral.

Students moving up on the blindside

Rivalry among student rugby clubs is nothing new: the Hospitals Cup arouses powerful emotions among its adherents, as did the series between St Luke's College, Exeter and Loughborough Colleges, before both moved on to university status. There is, too, the annual fracas between Oxford and Cambridge – all of which leaves the supporters of the West London Institute of Higher Education virtually unmoved.

The Institute, formerly known as Borough Road College, who trace their routes back to 1891 and who include among their luminaries two of the Rugby Football Union's divisional technical directors, Chalkie White and Alan Black (there may be a pun there!), make their debut in the John Player Special Cup tomorrow when they travel to Lichfield in the third round.

They are the first student body to be seeded direct to the third round, by virtue of being runners-up in last season's Middlesex Cup Final when they lost 13–3 to the same Rosslyn Park team which has just disposed of London-Welsh and Bristol. It is a fact of which they are justifiably proud, even though they have subsequently been joined by Loughborough students who have fought their way from the first round past Nuneaton and Berry Hill.

Yet no one could accuse West London of hogging the limelight. They take part in none of the student knock-out competitions which attract publicity; when they sustained their best-ever season last year it went virtually unrecorded and there was a certain amount of ire in a letter from one of the institute's students which reached me last autumn, hinting that West London could stand comparison with the best that Loughborough, Exeter, Durham and the two senior universities could offer.

It is a considered policy by the institute, however, to limit their fixture list to non-student rugby. John Hunter, head of physical education at West London, said: "I have long centred the list round London first-class club second XVs and top junior clubs, with our student connection now limited to the Hospital XV. I believe we have the right sort of list to develop players for first-class rugby which, to me, is the real raison d'être for them being here." (His side beat London Hospitals 56-0 this season.)

A glance at some of the first team bears out Mr Hunter's words. Three players have appeared for Middlesex in this season's county championship: Mark Peplow, Chris Mann and Neil Gemmell, the captain. Paul Joslin has played for Devon at No 8, and Roger Anderson, the Ulster wing, played in Ireland's trial this season and is commonly regarded as a virtual certainty for a cap.

The quality of the Institute's products is not difficult to explain. Mr Hunter has the assistance of Ernie Price, formerly of Wasps and the Metropolitan Police, and Kevin Bowring, the London-Welsh No 8, and a Barbarian, who is a part-time lecturer in PE at the Institute.

David Hands

Silky skills handled with gloves

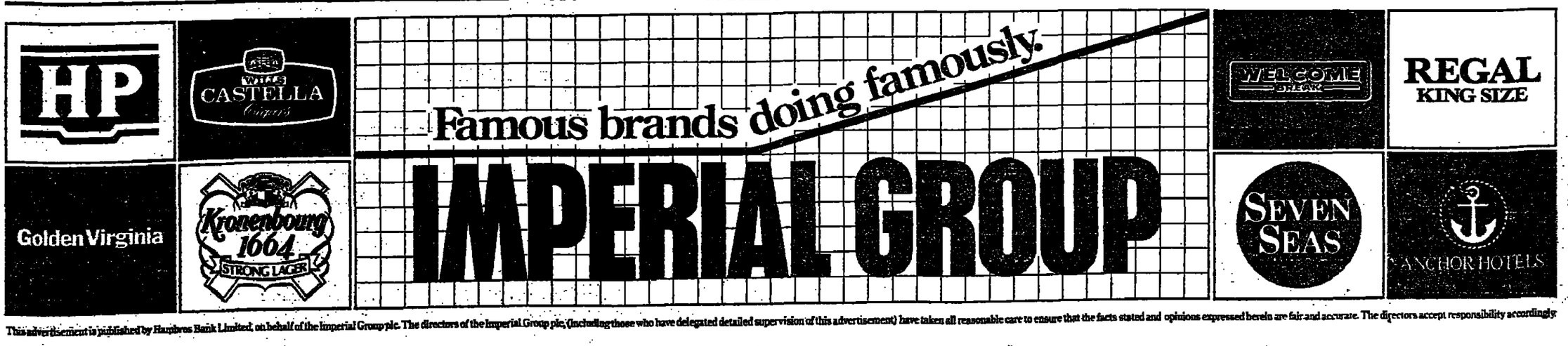
Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

Before the Australian Schools' convincing win over London Schools in midweek their visit to the North was a disappointment. Wind, rain and mud at New Brighton made the handling game in which they revel hazardous; yet their best passing moves (facilitated by gloves which several players wore to counteract the hideous conditions) were a joy to behold.

The Australians beat the North of England 18-3, scoring four tries and demonstrating the skills and tactics that have spectacularly thrust Australian rugby to the fore. They believe passionately in keeping the ball alive, knowing that physical contact will mean that the ball carrier is overrun by his support and the movement fatally slowed down.

These young men employ basketball-style passing over the head of a defender, numerous loops, switches and moves in which players are missed out. They are not shy to employ lateral movements, which does not entirely please the purists, but, when a gap opens, it is exploited with lightning speed. In this context Kahl, at full back, O'Connell on the left wing and above all Stuart at stand-off half were brilliant.

The North's coaches, Terry Mills and Geoff Wappett, had done a good job of motivation and the side's defence was commendably brave but there was a great gulf between the teams in most departments.



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TENNIS: BRITAIN EARN TWO-DAY RESPITE

Bungert is in search of supporting cast for his leading actor

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Wilhelm Bungert, the West German Davis Cup captain, is finding it difficult (no wonder) to round up adequate supporting cast for Boris Becker. The first day of the BASF European Cup competition, at Queen's Club, was not much help. Michael Westphal was outclassed by Heremy Bates in the singles and Tore Meinecke and Ricki Osterthun were beaten 7–5, 6–4, by Bates and Nick Fulwood in the deciding doubles.

Westphal is Becker's second string on fast courts and Hansjorg Schwaier takes over on shale. Neither is in Becker's class but for the time being Bungert must make do with them. They are young enough to improve. That does not apply to Andreas Maurer, who has been Backer's partner in doubles but was demoralized by the Swedes in Munich last month and, consequently, may have blown his chances.

Meinecke, aged 18 and Osterthun, aged 21, are candidates for the doubles vacancy. Indeed, not long ago, many regarded Meinecke as potentially a better singles player than Backer. That prospect has receded. Moreover, Meinecke looks vulnerable in doubles. Three consecutive double-faults cost him a service game at 5–5 in the first set in which the Germans led 5–2 and had a set point. The British pair took the set with a run of five games and kept their form well enough to clinch a win that made relegation to the second division only a remote possibility.

Paul Hutchins, Britain's captain, was understandably more gratified than Bungert. It was unfortunate, he said, that because of injuries to other players Fulwood had to make his debut at this level in a singles match, in which Osterthun beat him. "I would have liked Nick to have a doubles first," Hutchins said, "but we will have learned a great deal from last night's ordeal, and I think that, having won the doubles, he will be a better player against Czechoslovakia." Britain's win over Germany earned them a two-day respite from competition before they take on Czechoslovakia tomorrow.

Hutchins has no Becker to call on, but has fewer Davis Cup problems than Bungert. The obvious choices are John Lloyd and Bates in singles and Lloyd and Colin Dowdeswell in doubles. Stephen Shaw, Stuart Bale (both injured) and Fulwood, may soon be considered for a singles place

The second day at Queen's Club produced thrilling, highly skilled tennis in a sparsely populated arena. Jan Gunnarsson and Peter Lundgren, ranked 25th and 27th in the world, must find it frustrating that five other Swedes rank even higher. Lundgren was given a tough match by Paolo Cane, aged 20. Then Gunnarsson, still gaining his strength after chicken pox, was beaten by Francesco Cancellotti in a delightful match.

Referring to the ostentatious intrusion of two pigeons during Wednesday's play, the Queen's Club management issued a tongue in cheek bulletin to the effect that this sort of thing was "frowned upon". The bulletin went on: "These occasional visitors, having no regard for the niceties of tennis, or the club rules are headline seekers who fail to pay admission charges, subscriptions or even rental and are a considerable distraction. The catering manager wishes it to be known that *les pigonneaux farci* will shortly be on the menu. The grounds manager is currently engaged in shooting practice."

EUROPEAN CUP RESULTS

RESULTS: First division: Great Britain beat West Germany 2–1 (British names first): N Fulwood lost to R Osterthun, 3-6, 4-6; J Bates beat M Westphal, 6–4, 6–2; Bates and Fulwood beat Osterthun and T Meinecken, 7–5, 6–4. Sweden level with Italy 1–1 (Swedish names first): P Lundgren beat P Cane, 6–4, 6–7, 6–3; J Gunnarson lost to F Cancellotti 6–7, 5–7. Second division: Ireland beat Belgium 3–0 (Irish names first): S Sorensen beat A Brichant, 6–3, 7–6; M Doyle beat J Van Langend, 3–6, 6–4, 6–3; Sorensen and Doyle beat Van Langendock and Brichant, 6–3, 7–6. Austria beat USSR 2–1. Netherlands beat Belgium 3–0. Third division: Spain beat Monaco 3–0. Fourth division: Poland beat Cyprus 3–0; Bulgaria beat Portugal 3–0.

Salonen leads during the Col de Braus stage of the Monte Carlo Rally yesterday

Toivonen regains the initiative

Monte Carlo (AP) – Henri Toivonen, of Finland, driving a Lancia Delta S4, held a 37-second lead over his compatriot, Timo Salonen, in a Peugeot 205, as the 1986 Monte Carlo rally moved into its last day today.

Salonen led the 84 surviving crews out from Monte Carlo's famous Casino Square yesterday morning and made a fine start to the day when he set the fastest time of 13 minutes 33 seconds over the 18km stage at the Col de la Madone in the mountains just north of the principality. This extended his lead from 33 seconds to 48 seconds. However, over the famous Turini pass, lined by thousands of spectators, Toivonen stormed back into contention.

He clocked the fastest stage time of 17 minutes 6 seconds over the 22.4km run to reduce Salonen's overall lead to 24 seconds and then took the lead by racing up the Couillole stage in the scratch time of 14 minutes 31 seconds.

Despite the appeals of the organizers and of the Italian team manager, Cesare Fiorio, some of the spectators continued to pack snow on the roads and to stay too close to oncoming cars. On the Turini pass, the leadig cars, with the notable exception of the Lancias, were pelted with snowballs. Although the leaders came safely through the run, some of the lower-placed competitors came off the road and several spectators suffered slight injuries in a series of minor accidents.

Lancia's second works Delta, driven by Massimo Biasion, held third place at the end of the penultimate day, just under two minutes behind Toivonen.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, H Toivonen (Fin), Lancia Delta S4, 8:39:27; 2, T Salonen (Fin), Peugeot 205, 37sec; 3, M Biasion (It), 1min 56sec; 4, H Mikkola (Fin), Audi Sport-Quattro, 8:30; 5, W Rohrl (WG), Audi Sport-Quattro, 10:54; 6, J Kankkunen (Fin), Peugeot 205, 24:53; 7, B Saby (Fr), Peugeot-205, 34:06; 8, S Servia (Sp) Lancia Rallye-037, private, 41:11; 9, A Oreinle (Fr), Renault-11, private, 1:01:57; 10, K Eriksson (Swe) VW-Golf-GTI, private, 1:83:54.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lille 2, Paris St Germain 0.
LAS PALMAS: International match: Spain 2, Soviet Union 0.
WEST GERMAN CUP: Quarter-final: Kaiserslautern 0, Bayern Munich 3.
SCHOOLS: Barclays Bank U-19 Cup: first round: Oakwood Park, Maidstone 1, Alleyn's, Dulwich 0
BEL ABBES: Algeria 0, PSV Eindhoven (Neth) 0
LIBREVILLE: Gabon 0, Senegal 1.
DAR ES SALAAM: East and Central African Club Championship: Semi-finals: Leopards (Ken) 0, El-Mereikh (Sudan) 1; Young Africans (Tan) 0, Mufulira Wanderers (Zam) 0 (Young Africans won 4-2 on pens).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading 2, Fulham 2; Swindon 2, Watford 0.
MACBAR SOUTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bournemouth v Torquay, postponed.

YACHTING

PALM BEACH, Queensland: American – Australian Six-Metre Challenge Cup Series: 1, S: Francis IX (T Blackaller, US); 2, Irene (P Pettersen, Swe).

NORDIC SKIING

FREISTRITZ–AN–DER–DRAU, Austria: World Cup men's biathlon event, 20km: 1, A Antonov (USSR) 5min 31 4sec (no missed targets); 2, A Sehmisch (EG) 53:28.6 (1). World Cup leaders: 1, P Angerer (WG) 71 points; 2, Antonov 61; 3, V Medvetsev (USSR) 59.

SQUASH RACKETS

CUMBERLAND CUP: First division: Cumberland LTC 5, Coolhurst SC 0; Ealing SC 4, North Middlesex SC 1, Lambton SC 5, King George's Park SC 0; Woodford Wells SC 0, Wanstead SC 5

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 1, Royal Navy 3.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN KORAC CUP (Men): Quarter-final groups: Caccolat Granollers (Sp) 100, Partizan Belgrade 90; AS Villeurbanne (Fr) 104, Breogan Lugo (Sp) 77; Olympique Antibes 92, Berloni Torino 71; Challans (Fr) 80, Hapoel Tel Aviv 85; Elan Bearnais Orthez (Fr) 79, Juventus Caserta (It) 88; Red Star Belgrade 90, Varese 83; Basna Sarajevo (Yug) 100, Bancoroma (It) 96; KK Zadar (Yug) 93, PAOK Thessalonika (Gr) 79.
EUROPEAN RONCHETTI CUP (Women): Quarter-final groups: Epyesulet Budapest 77, Jedinstvo-Aida Tuzla (Yug) 85; Vozdovac Belgrade 71, Racing Paris 94; Montferrand 89, Ljubljana (Yug) 83; Dinamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 99, Sparta Prague 58.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 131, Golden State Warriors 100; Detroit Pistons 107, Cleveland Cavaliers 104; Philadelphia 76ers 118, Phoenix Suns 111; Boston Celtics 110, Los Angeles Lakers 95; Los Angeles Clippers 131, Dallas Mavericks 118; Denver Nuggets 137, New Jersey Nets 124.
CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates 100 (Lawrence 28), Hemel and Watford Royals 102 (Sewell 29); Sperrings Solent Stars 98 (Robinson 19), Polycell Kingston 105 (Bontrager 31); McEwan Tyneside 93 (Pitters 31), HomeSpare Bolton 96 (Martin 27, Gardner 27); Nissan Bears Worthing 99 (Jenkins 29), Brunel Ducks Uxbridge 94 (Roberts 29); London Docklands Crystal Palace 112, Portsmouth 123.
EUROPEAN CUP: (Men) Final group: Cibona Zagreb 116, Limoges (Fr) 108; Zhalgiris Kaunas (USSR) 95, Real Madrid 87.
EUROPEAN CUP: (Women) Quarter-final groups: Stade Français Versailles 75, agon Dusseldorg 63.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Essex 20, Public School Wanderers 8; Oxford University 12, Combined London OB 20.
SCHOOLS: Birkenhead 14, Wirral GS 0; Bishop Vesey's 38, North Leamington 0; Eltham 9, Emanuel 13; Gunnersbury 10, St Benedict's, Ealing 22; King Edward VI, Birmingham 62, King Edward VI, Camp Hill 3; St John's, Southsea 56, Bay House 0; Wymondham 26, NORCAT 0.

SNOOKER

BRISTOL: Tolly Cobbold English championship: Third round: T Knowles bt R Bales 9-4; M Hallett bt D Chalmers 9-1; J Spencer bt P Houlihan 9-5. Fourth round: J Virgo leads J Parrott 5-3; W Thorne leads D Reynolds 5-3; S Davis leads D Martin 7-1; T Meo leads M Wildman 5-3.

SOFTBALL

AUCKLAND: Women's world championship: Chinese Taipei 2, Puerto Rico 1; Italy 8, Zimbabwe 1; USA 2, Australia 1; China 5, Japan 1; New Zealand 1, Canada 0; Netherlands 7, Indonesia 1; Puerto Rico 1, Canada 0. Standings: New Zealand 16pts, USA 16, China 14, Canada 10, Australia 10, Puerto Rico 10, Chinese Taipei 8, Japan 6, Italy 6, Netherlands 4, Indonesia 2, Zimbabwe 0.

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: Sunshine Circuit tournament: Second round (South African unless stated): 131: B Cole 66, 65. 132: H Baiocchi 66, 67. 134: M McNulty 66, 68. British: 137: I Mosey 66, 71. 138: N Burch 68, 70. 141: W Humphreys 70, 71. 142: I Young 69, 73. 143: B Evans 68, 75.

TENNIS

WICHITA, Kansas: Virginia Slims tournament: Second round (US unless stated): A Smith bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-3, 7-6; C Benjamin bt D Spence, 6-4, 6-4; K Gompert bt L Thompson, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2; A Henrickson bt G Kim, 6-1, 6-3; B Nagelsen bt N Dias (Br), 6-3, 6-1; W White bt V Nelson-Dunbar 6-3, 7-5.
LOS ANGELES: Exhibition Matches: I Lendl (Cz) bt Y Noah (Fr) 6-4, 6-3. Women: G Sabatini (Arg) bt A White (US), 6-3 7-6.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Buffalo Sabres 6, Winnipeg Jets 3; New York Rangers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Detroit Red Wings 6, Boston Bruins 5 (overtime); Montreal Canadiens 3, Chicago Black Hawks 3 (overtime); Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Edmonton Oilers 4; Calgary Flames 8, New Jersey Devils 6 (overtime).

SNOW REPORTS

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) L	U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Chamonix	60	150	–	–	–
Courchevel	130	150	–	–	–
Flaine	120	280	–	–	–
Les Arcs	110	220	–	–	–
Les Menuires	80	170	–	–	–
Meribel	85	180	–	–	–
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	50	100	pwdr	good	2
Champery	50	140	pwdr	good	0
Leysin	80	180	pwdr	good	–2
Crans Montana	100	180	pwdr	good	–4
Saas-Fee	60	110	pwdr	good	–2
St Moritz	65	70	pwdr	good	–5
Verbier	160	220	pwdr	good	–1
Zermatt	75	110	pwdr	good	4

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on firm base; middle runs: runs complete, new snow on firm base; lower slopes: runs complete, new snow on firm base; vertical runs 1,800ft; hill roads clear; main roads clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on firm base; lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow on firm base; verticle runs 1,000ft; hill roads clear; main roads clear; snow level 1,500ft. Glencoe (weekends only): Upper runs: runs complete, now snow; lower slopes: runs complete, but narrow new snow; vertical runs 1,500ft; hill roads clear; main roads clear; snow level 1,800ft. Lecht: Upper runs: runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; middle runs: runs complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes: ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs 700ft; hill roads clear; main roads clear; snow level 2,000ft.

SQUASH RACKETS

Young players flourishing even in failure

By Colin McQuillan

In yesterday's semi-finals of the Blue Stratos British under-23 Open championships, at Marlow, two English losers, Lisa Opie and Robert Owen, flourished even in failure as they broke free from their respective negative attitudes.

Miss Opie, once by far the paramount English player, has struggled for two years, to escape the distracting grip of her personal ogre. She lost what had become a crucial encounter 8-10 to 2-9, 1-9 to Lucy Soutter, the 18 years old national champion, but resisted temptation to berate the rest of the world.

Owen was once as promising on the junior front as Miss Soutter, but for years spent his best competitive efforts against a succession of referees and, in consequence, against himself. Yesterday he faced the wonderfully skilled Rodney Martin, of Australia in a match of supreme quality and humour.

The 20 year-old Warwickshire player lost 9-4, 5-9, 9-6, 4-9, 4-9 to Martin, but might have won in either of the last two games had he maintained his earlier sense of adventure in the front court. As if to demonstrate a new equanimity, Owen even conceded his own dropshot at Match ball when everyone in the arena, including John Robinson, the referee saw it as clearly above the tin.

Women's semi-final: L Soutter (Glouc) bt L Opie (Notts) 10-8, 9-2, 9-1. Men's semi-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt R Owen (Warwicks) 4-9, 9-5, 6-9, 9-4, 9-4.

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian Men's Championships: Fourth round: Qamar Zaman (Pak) b Fakhar Ali (Kuwait) 9-3, 9-1, 9-0; Umar Hayat (Pak) b M Daruwala (Ind) 9-0, 9-6, 6-9, 9-4; A Nayak (Ind) b S Maniam (Mal) 9-5 9-0, 9-0; P Hill (Sing) b R Chitty (Mal) 9-5, 9-0, 9-0; Z Abidin (Sing) D Tan (Mal) 9-0, 9-1, 9-3; A Tay (Sing) bt S I Chong (Mal) 4-9, 3-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-4; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt L Lau (Mal) 9-4, 9-0, 9-4; Mirzaman Gul (Pak) bt J Ng (Mal) 9-7, 9-6, 9-5.

GOLF

Ryder Cup back to Belfry in 1989

By Mitchell Platts

A new four-year agreement between Bell's Scotch and the Professional Golfers' Association, worth £600,000 in total, will include taking the Ryder Cup back to The Belfry in 1989. The sponsorship not only covers the next two Ryder Cups but it will also take in the PGA Cup matches at Knowllwood, Lake Forest, Illinois, from September 17 to 19 this year and at the Gleneagles Hotel from July 20 to 22 in 1988.

Europe won the Ryder Cup at The Belfry last September when the United States lost the biennial match for the first time since 1957.

Tony Jacklin, the winning captain who has already been reappointed for the next Ryder Cup at the Jack Nicklaus Muirfield Village course in Colombus, Ohio, from September 25 to 27, said: "I am delighted about Bell's continuing sponsorship and the return to The Belfry.

"I might not still be the captain in 1989 but I believe that The Belfry is the best venue available in our country for the match.

"My main concern, of course, is to defend successfully the Ryder Cup in 1987. I have never been to Muirfield Village so I will be going there prior to the match in order to have an in depth look at the course. There is little doubt that the greens will be prepared to putt extremely fast – probably faster than most of our players have ever encountered.

"As far as the make-up of the team is concerned I would be reluctant to go straight down the Order of Merit or accept anything less than last time when I selected three of the 12 players. I accept that this puts more pressure on me, and causes the inevitable flack, but if it gets the job done, as it did last time, then it cannot be too far wrong."

Colin Snape, the executive director of the PGA, said the they will be monitoring the success of the Ryder Cup next year with a view to their own crowd arrangements for the 1989 match on September 15-17.

"The Americans intend to make a limit of 21,000 spectators each day," Snape explained. "We believe that we could get 40,000 each day at the Belfry so we must ensure that we set a fair price and get the facilities spot on so that we give the spectators full value for money." The Ryder Cup fund, which was showing a £90,000 deficit, now has a £50,000 surplus, following the success last September.

Lyle with early leaders

From John Ballantine
Phoenix, Arizona

Sandy Lyle, the Open champion, playing in the third and last tournament of his short early trip to America, won the Pro-Am here with a 65 and continued his fine form in the first round of the Phoenix Open by joining the early leaders with three birdies in his first nine holes.

The Scot returns home to Sunningdale this weekend to attend and celebrate the birth of a second child to his wife, Christine. He has made a first-rate start to the year, and with $21,000 from the first two tournaments, he stands 18th on the current money list.

On Wednesday he added a modest $675 to this after sharing the Pro-Am top place with Bill Glasson, of Fresno. Jack Nicklaus, who says that he is striving to cure a life-time habit of lifting his head on the greens, had a 76.

Yesterday on another glorious Western morning, with the temperature quickly reaching 70 degrees, and with an enormous first-day crowd thrilling to the sight of the great Nicklaus returning to the field 22 years after winning the title, Lyle kept the accelerator of his formidable juggernaut of a power game hard down.

He all but started with an eagle at the long first, hitting a drive that went out of sight in the blue sky like a departing aircraft before smashing a three-iron into the centre of the green. His eagle attempt from about eight yards slipped a fraction by.

Another drive of quite indecent length left him on the fringe at the fifth, and a chip to four feet gave him a second birdie. At the long seventh he gave himself little chance by pulling his drive into a grove of wild orange trees, the fruit of which is said hereabouts to be the world's finest and most immediate laxative.

A low iron 80 yards short of the green was followed by a poor pitch 10 yards short. He hit a bold putt four feet past, but holed the return without a tremor.

He missed the green sightly at the short eighth, but chipped dead and got this third birdie at the ninth. Another huge drive put him 30 yards ahead of his partners Bill Kratzert and Rex Caldwell, and his pitch to six feet gave him a chance which he gobbled up eagerly.

MONEY WINNERS: 1, D Hammond $108,000; 2, C Peete $91,284; 3, J Cook $84,800; 4, M O'Meara $58,370; 5, H Sutton $47,967; 6, J Mudd $40,800; 7, P Blackmar $39,760; 8, B Langer (WG) $38,800; 18, S Lyle (GB) $21,100.

David Miller meets Alex Ferguson

Ferguson: the Scot who will not give anything away

Key to possessing the world lies in possession game

The belated realization by Charlie Nicholas that there is more to being a celebrated footballer than collecting the money may help to make him a decisive figure in the World Cup finals. Alex Ferguson, the Scotland manager, was at Villa Park on Wednesday to see Nicholas demonstrate the imagination and flair in Arsenal's Milk Cup draw which might have earned him a place in next Tuesday's friendly against Israel in Tel Aviv.

Nicholas is one of the few players in the game today whom, like Cooke or Jimmy Johnstone or Baxter of days gone by, it is worth watching irrespective of the teams involved. The cup replay will rob Ferguson of the chance further to assess Nicholas in the choice of six from nine which he must make among forwards for his final World Cup squad. With Cooper, of Rangers, the one genuine winger, the choice is in effect five from eight: Archibald, Dalglish, Mo Johnston (Celtic), McAvennie, Nicholas, Sharp, Speedie and Sturrock, assuming Dalglish, who is one short of 100 caps, wants to be included.

I have got three matches, against Israel, Romania and England, in which to prunethe options." Ferguson said. "Ball control is an essential factor, not giving it away in Mexico's difficult heat and altitude. I think I already know my preferences but I am keeping an open mind".

Ferguson, pitched into the job by the sudden death of Jock Stein, has not yet decided which tactical system he will use in the formidable first round group with West Germany, Uruguay and Denmark. In their last 10 matches Scotland have used a winger, yet Ferguson concedes that this may not be suitable in Mexico. He is keeping half an eye on Nevin at Chelsea.

Dalglish and Archibald present two of the many complexities which confront him. The form of Walsh – now a regular goal-scorer whom Bobby Robson can hardly continue to ignore – and Rush for Liverpool my oblige Dalglish, Scotland's most knowledgeagle player and ideally suited to Mexico, to leave himself permanently on the bench, which must restrict his capacity to help Ferguson. Archibald is regularly unavailable.

A man with the game at his fingertips

"I have talked to Archibald about the situation", Ferguson says. "Speedie, Sharp and McAvennie are scoring consistently for their clubs in English football but Archibald is playing regularly against man-forman marking in Spain with a slow build-up and he should have at his fingertips the kind of football we shall encounter in Mexico".

Ferguson is conscious that man-for-man marking, and perhaps even the scoring of a single extra goal, may be critical factors in advancing to the second round. "Germany may be stuttering a bit at present, having lost to Portugal" he says, "but past performances show that they will be durable, mechanical and efficient and will probably reach the later stages.

"Everyone wanted to avoid Denmark but much depends on how they react to the circumstances of the World Cup. Elkjaer and Landrup have played well in Italy. Uruguay, as we saw in their friendly with France, will probably be more than agressive. They can defend all day, they won't concede much and they won the South American Cup. But they won't score many."

One of Ferguson's main concerns is that Scotland, after the turmoils experienced in Argentina in 1978 by Ally MacLeod, on and off the field, will be harshly judged by both Mexican and home critics for any indiscretion. "We have got to be perfect in our behaviour," he admits.

The absence of voluble dissenters such a Macari, Gemmill and Harper, not to mention MacLeod's own bizzare behaviour, should make it easier than in 1978. On the arduous trip to Australia for the qualifying play-off before Christmas, which could have exposed suspect temperaments, there was not a single problem off the pitch.

"Frankly, Australia surprised us", Ferguson says, reflecting on the slightly fortunate goalless draw. "After all that talk of fitness and an aggressive attitude, they were just dogged. We knew the responsibility was on them to come at us. They merely tried to make sure our good players did not play and, once we'd weathered that, the game rather died in the second half. When a Scottish team are labelled with the tag of favourites, as they were in 1978, they tend not to justify themselves. There's more optimism now than some people think but, of course, we have got to raise our game."

A man torn between club and country

Following Stein is a difficult act. Yet Ferguson feels he has been helped by the modesty of the most famous personality in the history of management in Scotland. "He never spoke of his own success", Ferguson says, "and the ordinariness of his life style made it a pleasure to work as his assistant. He set standards for us all. His [national] team qualified for two finals and that's an achievement for a nation of only five million, however much the public may talk of winning the World Cup."

Ferguson's position as national manager, he admits, is complicated by his duties with Aberdeen, quite apart from the lack of regular contact with the national squad. "People may suppose that I will have favourites. Strachan, for example, is an 'old boy' from Aberdeen. But I picked the team for Scotland first and Alex Ferguson second. It embarrasses me leaving people out, such as Hansen, when I don't have the time to build a relationship, when the players don't know me and it's all 'hello' and 'cheerio'.

"Maybe we'll be able to achieve that relationship in the period when we're preparing in New Mexico before the cup, when we'll be just down the road from Northern Ireland and can perhaps help each other a bit."

There is some reassurance in that Scotland have conceded only one goal in their last six matches. Defence is their strength, with Ferguson's own central defenders, McLeish and Miller, having played together for six years. Yet the rub is that, in his own words, "possession is going to be vital", and Hansen is a player who does not give the ball away.

Maybe Ferguson will use a sweeper, as he did against East Germany recently. Souness and Bett are possession players in midfield; Gough, of Dundee United, provides useful alternatives at full back and centre-back; Malpas is outstanding at left back; and Leighton is possibly the most reliable Scottish goalkeeper since Bill Brown 24 years ago.

FOOTBALL

Milk Cup regulation relaxed to give the cream to Robson

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League bent their rules for a patriotic cause yesterday. By agreeing to postpone the Milk Cup quarter-final replay between Aston Villa and Arsenal, they released the six international squad members who had been trapped inside it. Originally scheduled for next Wednesday, it will now be staged at Highbury on February 4.

Jack Dunnett, the League president, and Graham Kelly, the secretary, relaxed the regulation which stipulates that Milk Cup replays must be held in the first available week. Anderson, Hodge, Stewart Robson, Sansom and Woodcock are therefore available for England, who meet Egypt on Wednesday, and Nicholas for Scotland, who take on Israel on Tuesday.

Their inclusion is still only provisional as both clubs must avoid draws in tomorrow's FA Cup ties. Lee Walker, a League spokesman, said: "It is World Cup year and England's squad would have been decimated if the replay had gone ahead as planned. All six players may yet be withdrawn but we have reduced the gamble for Bobby Robson".

England's manager, who has lost Bryan Robson, Reid and Francis through injury, could be without Stewart Robson anyway. After the 1–1 draw at Villa Park, Arsenal's young midfield player had a damaged ankle encased in ice and a stitch inserted in a head wound. He is considered doubtful for tomorrow's home tie against Rotherham.

The 1–1 draw in the Milk Cup quarter-final at Loftus Road ended Dixon's hopes of leading England's attack in Cairo. Next Wednesday he will be involved in a replay either at Stamford Bridge against Queen's Park Rangers or, should Chelsea be held by Liverpool in the FA Cup fourth round on Sunday, at Anfield.

Dixon, who had one effort disallowed, could have settled the tie and his own fate in the closing minute but he lifted his attempt over an unguarded net. "Chelsea pay my wages, so I will acept their decision," he said yesterday. "I will not ask them to let me go. It is up to them to release me".

Speedie, Dixon's striking partner, was allowed by his club to play for his country, Scotland, in the World Cup play-off against Australia in November and missed the League fixture at Liverpool. But John Hollins, Chelsea's manager, cleared up the confusion by insisting that "whatever happens, there will be no England for Dixon".

England's other tall centre forward, Hateley, is also about to be withdrawn. Unless the power struggle at AC Milan is resolved today, Bobby Robson will summon replacements for him and Wilkins. Since Davenport is the lone forward on the official stand-by list, he is almost certain to be recalled from Bermuda where he is on tour with Nottingham Forest.

Bryan Robson, England's captain, is unlikely to be considered even though he completed his first full game for three months on Wednesday night. After finishing on the losing side for Manchester United's reserves, he said that he felt "a bit stiff but that is only natural after such a long lay-off".

"Some people said that I was finished but I think that I have proved them wrong," he added. "I knew all along that the theory was nonsense. I am fit but perhaps not match-fit yet." He and Ron Atkinson, United's manager, are to discuss whether he should play in the FA Cup tie at Sunderland tomorrow.

Woods, of Norwich City, and Beardsley, of Newcastle United, are the only England representatives certain to go to Egypt and the name of Fenwick can now also be written down in ink. The Rangers captain starts a two-match suspension on Monday and thus misses the Milk Cup replay against Chelsea even if it is delayed until February 5.

To add to the complications, Speedie may have talked his way out of that the tie as well. So often cautioned for dissent, he begins his second suspension of the season (he served four last season) on February 1, the day that Chelsea are to renew acquaintances with Leicester City. In their first meeting at the end of August, Speedie was sent off.

Call for top talks on structure

Philip Carter, the first division clubs' spokesman, has asked for a meeting with Graham Kelly, Football League Secretary, to discuss proposals on the game's reorganization. The League's management committee have pencilled in an extraordinary general meeting for March 4, but Carter, the Everton chairman, feels that is insufficient time to put the League clubs' proposals into regulations for that meeting.

Kelly siad: "At least we know precisely what is required and we can go back and discuss it with Mr Carter who has asked for a meeting – and we'll take from there."

Carter and Kelly are agreed on a number of points, including more money from TV, automatic promotion and relegation from the Gola League, a reduction of gate levy from 4 per cent to 3 per cent, and a reduction in the Milk cup and FA Cup pools to 10 per cent.

Kelly added: "We are also putting proposals to the clubs to suspend the apprenticeship system and bring in the two year youth training scheme." The League secretary said there were a couple of items which had not yet been finalized, but added: "In the meantime we will talk about the proposals which he has been putting forward. At the moment there is no compromise but we will discus it on March 4."

● Swansea City's survival struggle took a new turn yesterday when a consortium of four ex-directors launched their scheme for a community-backed football club.

● Bournemouth are prepared to hand over their Dean Court ground in exchange for a joint venture with Bournemouth Council for a new multi-purpose stadium in nearby Kings Park.

● Halifax Town yesterday called off a four day visit to Guernsey which would have included a match against the local football association on Saturday.

Date switch leads to fire threat

Police are investigating threats of arson and violence against Oxford United. They began after Oxford had appealed successfully for the Full Members' Cup final between Chelsea and Manchester City to be moved from March 1 to March 23 because Oxford insist on playing Manchester City in the league on March 1.

A note wrapped around a brick was delivered to the Manor Road ground warning that the club offices would be "burned to the ground". Further threats to smash windows at the club and of violence at the chairman Robert Maxwell's home were made in tape-recorded messages left on Oxford's Ansafone.

"We have probably upset a great many Chelsea and Manchester City fans," Brian Dalton, the club's managing director, said. "However, we would not have been doing our best for Oxford United had we accepted the original decision of the Football League management committee to cancel our League fixture away to Manchester City on March 1."

Oxford claimed that the decision beached League, FA and Full Members' Cup rules and was taken without consulting them.

● Bryan Robson cheered his club and country by playing his first full game in three months on Wednesday. After a Central League outing at Barnsley he said: "That was just what I needed. I am fit but not so sure I am match fit yet". It is doubtful if he will play for Manchester United in the FA Cup at Sunderland tomorrow.

● Coventry City have signed Jim McInally, aged 21, the Nottingham Forest utility player, for £80,000. Yesterday he travelled from his home town of Glasgow and agreed, subject to a medical examination, to sign a four-year contract. He is likely to play against Oxford United tomorrow.

Still leaves Dartford

Non-League football
By Paul Newman

Dartford, who have lurched from one crisis to another in recent weeks, have suffered a further setback with the resignation of John Still, their manager.

Still, who led the Kent club to promotion from the Southern League two years ago and took them to third place in the Gola League last season, felt he was unable to continue in his job after the boardroom upheavals and financial problems of the last two months.

Three of his back room staff, George Dudley (assistant manager), Alan Carrington (coach) and Jimmy Paine (physiotherapist), have also left.

Steve Wishart, the former youth team manager, has taken temporary control. The club hope to appoint a permanent successor to Still, who plans to take a break from the game.

Dartford's financial problems surfaced last month, when Brian Alford, the chairman, resigned after failing to gain the full support of his fellow directors when he suggested financial cutbacks. However, he subsequently withdrew his resignation, formed a new board of directors and told Still to reduce the wage bill by 45 per cent. The entire first team was made available for transfer, although no players have yet been sold.

Dartford have slipped down the Gola League table in recent months and are now only one place above the relegation zone. In Still's final match in charge last Saturday they lost 3-1 at home to South Bank (Drybroughs Northern League) in the second round of the FA Trophy.

● Howard Kennedy has resigned as manager of Slough Town (Vauxhall Opel League) because of work commitments outside the game. Alan Davies, his assistant, has taken over until the end of the season. Slough have also lost their long-serving forward Mick Kiely, who has joined Hendon.

● South Liverpool's ailing finances have been helped by the sale of Peter Billinge, a defender, to Everton for "a substantial four-figure fee". The Multi-Part League club, who also launched the Football League careers of Jimmy Case and John Aldridge, will receive a further sum if Billinge makes ten first team appearances and a percentate of any future transfer fees.

● Peter Freenan is managing his third Drybroughs Northern League club in little more than three months. After his dismissal by Blyth Spartans in October, Feenan moved to Ryhope CA but he has now joined Grema.

● Gerry Gow, the player-manager of Yeovil Town (Vauxhall Opel League) has been given a new 16-month contract.

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas leads England into final

Desmond Douglas helped England to reach the final of the Triumph Adler English open table tennis championships at Brighton yesterday then hit out at the team's newest recruit – a psychologist. "He will never sus me out," said Douglas after leading his side to an unexpected 3-1 victory over Japan. And it's just as well because I don't believe in psychologists anyway.

Team captain Donald Parker explained: "we used a £250 sports council grant to pay the expenses to a recent training centre and to hear of Dr Tony Morris, a senior lecturer in psychology.

"But he has not discussed anything with the players yet. He's just studying them."

The England team needed no help yesterday as they dismissed the Japanese. Douglas was in sparkling form, beating top seed for the singles title Yoshihito Miyazaki 21-19, 21-12.

The 30-year-old left hander, who has emerged from a disappointing season in time to begin the defence of his singles title today outplayed the Japanese for the third time in a week.

Men

FIRST ROUND (Winning team first) Switzerland bt Wales 3-1. T Miller bt A Healan 21-7, 21-15; S Renold lost to A Griffiths 15-21, 15-21; Miller and Renold bt Healan and Griffiths 21-14, 21-13. Miller bt Griffiths 21-11, 21-18; Czechoslovakia bt Finland 3-0 France bt US 3-1; Canada w.o. Norway Scr. W Germany bt Denmark 3-1; Soviet Union bt Austria 3-0. SECOND ROUND England bt Netherlands 3-1. D Douglas bt P Haldan 21-10, 21-5; C Prean lost to H Van Spanje 21-11, 21-16; Prean bt Haldan 21-17, 22-20. England w.o. Hungary, scr. Czechoslovakia bt Ireland 3-1. M Grman bt A Walsh 21-12, 21-14; J Braun lost to C Slevin 21-23, 12-21; J Pansky and Grman bt Walsh and Slevin 21-10, 21-11; Grman bt Slevin 21-11, 21-13; Sweden bt Switzerland 3-0. Japan bt Canada 3-1; England w.o. Hungary; Soviet Union bt Scotland 3-0. A Mazunov bt D Hannah 21-18, 21-18; B Rozenberg bt J Broe 21-11, 21-18; V Shevchenko and A Stadnichenko bt Hannah and Broe 21-14, 21-17. Yugoslavia bt West Germany 3-0. France bt Poland 3-2.

QUARTER FINALS: England bt Sweden 3-0: Douglas bt von Scheele 21-15, 21-21, 21-19; Prean bt M Andersson 19-21, 21-14, 21-13; Douglas and Prean bt von Scheele and Andersson 21-18, 21-11. England bt France 3-0: A Cooke bt F Farout 21-15, 18-21, 22-20; S Andrew bt B Parietti 21-10, 21-14; Cooke and Andrew bt P Birocheau and Parietti 21-19, 21-16. Japan bt Czechoslovakia 3-0. Yugoslavia bt Soviet Union 3-2.

SEMI FINALS: England bt Japan 3-1: Douglas bt Y Miyazaki 21-19, 21-12; Prean lost ot J Miyazaki and Nukazuka 21-10, 21-14; Prean bt Miyazaki 21-8, 21-11. Yugoslavia bt England 3-0: I Lupulescu bt Andrew 21-14, 21-16; Z Primorac bt Cooke 22-20, 21-8; Lupulescu and Primorac bt Andrew and Cooke 21-19, 21-12.

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KIRYU: Japan Open: Men's singles: Third round: S Butler (GB) bt Sze Yu (Aus) 15-4, 15-8; I Frederiksen (Den) bt H Nishiyama (Japan) 15-5, 15-6; P Padukone (India) bt M Kjeldsen (Den) 15-5, 15-6; S Baddeley (GB) bt S Pamungas (Indo) 15-8, 15-10; Yang Yang (China) bt H Arbi (Indo) 15-12, 15-4; T Carlsen (Den) bt N Yates (GB) 15-7, 5-15, 15-10; Liem Swie King (Indo) bt M Sidek (Mal) 15-13, 15-11; I Sugiarto (Indo) bt Xu Biao (Ch) 8-15, 15-8, 15-2. Quarter-finals: Frederiksen bt Butler 15-6, 15-6; Padukone bt Baddeley 15-8, 15-8; Yang Yang bt Carlsen 15-8, 15-12; Sugiarto bt King 15-12, 15-13.

Women's singles: Third round: Li Lingwei (Ch) bt Tong Chun Mui (HK) 11-4, 11-3; S Kitada (Jap) bt D Julien (Can) 11-0, 11-0; H Troke (GB) bt Kim Ho-ja (SK) 11-7, 11-2; K Larsen (Den) bt K Beckman (GB) 11-8, 11-7; Zheng Yuli (Ch) bt D Lertworasik (Thai) 11-6, 11-2; C Magnusson (Swe) bt K Jinnai (Jap) 4-11, 11-5, 11-8; Han Aiping (Ch) bt E Lattel (Indo) 11-2, 11-0. Quarter-finals: Li Lingwei bt Kitada (Jap) 11-4, 11-7; Wu Jianqiu bt Troke 11-1, 2-11, 11-4; Larsen bt Zheng Yuli 11-7, 11-9; Han Aiping bt Magnusson 11-3, 11-1.

Women's doubles: Quarter-final: Lao Yujing and Guan Weizhen (Ch) bt N Perry and H Troke (Eng) 15-0, 9-15, 15-9.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

MILK CUP: Fifth round: Aston Villa 1, Arsenal 1; Oxford 3, Portsmouth 1: Queen's Park Rangers 1, Chelsea 1.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Northern section: Chester 0, Wigan 2. Southern section: Derby 0, Gillingham 2; Wolverhampton 1, Torquay 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 2, Manchester United 1; Blackburn v Leicester, postponed; Newcastle 2, Liverpool 2; Nottingham Forest 1, Leeds 3; Sheffield United 1, West Bromwich 2x. Second division: Doncaster 2, Preston 2; Grimsby 2, Scunthorpe 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 5, Crystal Palace 1. Postponed: Brighton v West Ham.
IRISH LEAGUE: Crusaders 4, Distillery 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Postponed: Petersfield v Camberley.
KENT SENIOR CUP: Second round: Welling 2, Fisher 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Leicester United 0, VS Rugby 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Halifax 8, Widnes 15.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 48, Workington 18; Rochdale Hornets 24, Sheffield Eagles 4.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Penarth, cancelled; Cross Keys v Pontypridd, cancelled.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 16, RAF 22.
HOSPITALS CUP: First round: King's College 6, St Bartholomew's 13; St George's 0, London 17.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Stunned League are left to look for new sponsor

By Keith Macklin

The Rugby League is looking for a new sponsor after yesterday's unexpected announcement that Matthew Brown Brewery, of Blackburn, the makers of Slalom lager, will end their sponsorship of the championship and premiership this season. The sponsorship, which has produced £500,000 in six years will end in May after the premiership final. However, there is a small consolation for the League. The brewery will sponsor the reserve team competition, the Rugby League Alliance, for £15,000, spread over three years.

The news surprised people throughout the game since only a handful of officials were aware that Matthew Brown, who recently fought off a bitterly contested takeover from Scottish & Newcastle, were contemplating pulling out. Miles Eastwood, the sales and marketing director of the brewery, said: "We have had six years of a marvellous sponsorship which has been, and indeed still is, extremely successful.

"The brand name of Slalom lager has become widely known, and we have made many friends in Rugby League, but following the successful conclusion of our takeover battle, we feel it is now time to change direction and spread ourselves nationally in our marketing. We believe that Rugby League, with its wholesome family appeal, serves as a model for many other sports, and we wish the game and our many friends in it a successful future".

Rugby League officials took the announcement on the chin, and Joe Seddon, the chairman of the League, said: "Matthew Brown were the first ever sponsors of the championship and premiership and it has proved to be a highly successful and imaginative operation of great benefit to both the League and the company. We fully appreciate their reasons for not taking up a third three-year contract, and their current need to seek alternative areas of promotional investment.

"However, the principle of sponsorship of the nine months long League and Premiership campaign is now well established and we look forward to welcoming soon a new name". During this final season Slalom lager will put £95,000 into the game, with £30,000 being handed over in prize money to title winners, and the remainder being invested to meet the cost of ground safety measures.

● Les Huckfield, the Euro MP for Merseyside East, whose constituency includes Wigan, has written to Richard Tracey, Minister of Sport, warning him of effects far outside Wigan which may come from Wigan's signing of the South Africans, Ray Mordt and Rob Louw. Mr Huckfield says Mordt and Louw came to England because of the successful effect of international sporting bans

RACING: PIPE AND PITMAN LOOK BOOKED FOR DOUBLES AT WINCANTON

Tophams Taverns to take command

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

There is no more open race today than the grade two Rossington Main Novices Hurdle at Doncaster, which with £6,250 added to the stakes has attracted a field to match the bait. I believe that at least nine of the 15 runners are in with a chance, but none more so than **Tophams Taverns**, whose form overall has the solid look.

Beginning at Market Rasen on the first day of the season, Topham's Taverns won races confined to novices before graduating into handicap company. In this he has run well against the likes of Chrysaor and Taelos, who recently ran with credit in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Tophams Taverns also performed adequately enough for a comparative beginner in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle in November to suggest that he can hold his own in today's race, which his trainer, George Moore, sees as an ideal stepping-stone en route to Cheltenham, and a crack at the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices Hurdle.

Nevertheless, tough opposition can be expected from Honeygrove Banker, Rule of the Sea, Dan the Millar, Il Castagno, Yank Brown, Inset Lady, and Mrs Muck. Monica Dickinson has set a poser by deciding to run both Dan the Millar and Yank Brown. I just prefer the latter.

My feeling, however, is that Donald McCain's unbeaten five-year old, Honeygrove Banker, could turn out to be a greater threat to Tophams Taverns following those emphatic victories at Uttoxeter and Haydock.

Rule of the Sea, who has won his last three races, also comes into the reckoning, but I fancy that David Hodgson believes that he can at least beat Rule of the Sea with Il Castagno, who landed quite a gamble in good style at Catterick last Saturday when, on his racecourse debut, he won by five lengths having been backed down to 7-1 from 25-1 to do so. Hodgson certainly has a line on Rule of the Sea through Il Castagno's galloping companion. Chance in a Million, who was runner-up to Rule of the Sea at Newcastle. I find it interesting that Hodgson has dropped Il Castagno in at the deep end, instead of opting for an easier touch in the first race at Ayr.

Inset Lady, 12 lengths winner at Kempton in November, and the recent easy Cheltenham scorer Mrs Muck, are others to bear in mind but on balance I still prefer Tophams Taverns.

After 14 months' absence caused by leg injury, Cybrandian makes his belated seasonal debut in the Barnby Moor Handicap Chase. Good horse that Peter Easterby's eight-year-old is when he is on song, he will excel if he gives 32lb to Graham Bradley's mount, **Premier Charlie**, who did well to beat Bright Oasis and Burranpour over today's course and distance at Uttoxeter in December. At Wincanton it should pay to follow those in-form trainers Jenny Pitman and Martin Pipe again. Macoliver, who won by 15 lengths on his previous visit to the popular Somerset course, can instigate a double for Mrs Pitman by winning the Racing in Wessex Handicap Chase at the expense of Royscar, a double to be completed half an hour later by **I'm a Dealer** in the Potters Novices' Handicap Hurdle. My selection has run well twice already this month, initially behind Pike's Peak at Cheltenham, and then again behind Tickite Boo at Ascot.

Pipe saddles two fancied runners – Honeyman and Ninattash for the Sculptors Hurdle, but I believe his best chance of getting among the money today rests with Silver Ace (2.15) and **Rainbow Lady** (2.45).

I expect the finish of the Sculptors Hurdle to be dominated by Fort Rupert, a recent winner over the course and distance whose form got a timely boost at Huntingdon yesterday when Kitto was successful again, and Wide Boy. On the Flat, **Wide Boy** was the sharper, and that could still be the case. He certainly did nothing wrong when he won his only hurdle race at Newbury in the autumn.

Today's nap is entrusted to the recent course and distance winner **The County Stone**, who should be able to win the Craftsman Handicap Chase even with a penalty. Before beating Bickleigh Bridge by six lengths, here 15 days ago, The County Stone had run really well at Cheltenham when runner-up to Ryeman, who has won again twice in the meantime.

Cybrandian, Peter Easterby's Gold Cup hope, is back in action at Doncaster today after a 14 months lay-off.

Versatile Canio graduates in style

Canio, a fluent scorer on the Flat and over hurdles in the past, graduated to success over the bigger jumps with a smooth ten lengths victory over Vanter Boy in the Baron Blakeney novices chase at Wincanton yesterday.

Only five of the 15 starters completed the course and te biggest threat to Canio came at the sixth from home, where the leader Torside fell in front of Canio and brought him virtually to a stop. But Canio is a very clever and athletic jumper and skilfully kept himself out of trouble.

The winning owner, David Ladhams, said. "Canio has taken to fences like a duck to water, but if he goes back to Cheltenham in March it will be for the Coral Golden Hurdle which he won two years ago.

General Option, a 33-1 chance in the Fresh Start Novices' Hurdle, lost his rider at the second flight, did a circuit with the rest of the runners until the final bend, which he completely failed to negotiate. He cleared the perimeter hawthorn hedge, landed ten feet lower on the road, and the next report came from the village of Corfe, two miles away, when an old lady rang the police to report a loose racehorse. General Option was eventually returned safely to the stable unscathed.

The race wasmwon by Into Song who was sent straight into the lead from the start by John White to make it a true test of stamina. These tactics reduced it to a two-horse race threequarters of a mile from home, and although Into Song was joined by the favourite, Cavvies Clown at the second last, she had the reserves to pull away again and win by four lengths.

Henderson, who trains Into Song for his sister-in-law, Jane Sloan, said: "Into Song galloped and jumps and was getting a bit of weight from the favourite. She's always shown us enough to suggest that she could win a race, and will eventually be retained for breeding".

HOCKEY

Goodwin is called in for Allen

By Joyce Whitehead

There is one change in the women's England B squad selected earlier this month from which the last five players of the England senior party will be chosen in February. Mary Allen (Warwickshire) has withdrawn and her place is filled by Sam Goodwin (Sussex).

Two of the five territorial school tournaments will take place tomorrow. The Midlands, with 12 schools in the under-18 championship but only 10 in the under 16 championship, play on Dunstall racecourse, Wolverhampton. Prince Henry's High School, Evesham will defend their under-18 title.

In addition to the nine Midland counties in the schools south section are two areas, West Midlands A and West Midlands B, and to make the number even each county takes it in turn to produce two schools in each championship. This year it is Leicestershire. Play starts at 10.30.

UNDER 18: Dame Alice Harpur, Bedfordshire; St Helens, Derbyshire; King Edward VII Upper School, Melton Mowbray; Beauchamp College, Oadby; Sponne, Towcester; Mioster School, Southwell; Bedstone College, Bucknell; Abbot Beyne School, Burton-on-Trent; King's HS, Warwick; Crestwood School, Kingswinford; West Midlands A: Solihull Sixth Form College; West Midlands South; Prince Henry's High School, Evesham.

UNDER 16: Bedford High School; Queen Elizabeth GS, Ashbourne; Longslade College, Birstall; Loughborough High School; Magdalen School, Brackley; King's HS, Warwick; Buckpool School, Stourbridge; St Paul's Girls School, Edgbaston; The Chase High School, Malvern.

In contrast the north will have four schools in each section playing at Hartford High School, near Northwich. Their championships are run in three rounds. First a general county tournament, then four regional tournaments and from those the four winners play in the finals tomorrow.

UNDER 18: Brinkburn School; Hartlepool Cleveland; Winstanley College, Billinge; Merchant Taylor's Crosby; John Leggott Sixth Form College, Scunthorpe.

UNDER 16: Gilbrook School, South Bank Cleveland, Altrincham GGS; Queen Mary's S, Lytham; Sherburn HS, Leeds.

BASKETBALL

Bullets pull out of Masters

By Nicholas Harling

Birmingham Bullets, whose coach, Art Ross, is appealing against a two-match ban, face further disciplinary action from the English Basket Ball Association after their withdrawal from the British Masters Tournament at the quarter-final stage.

Birmingham have written to the EBBA secretary, Mel Welch, to tell him of their decision, which amounts to a protest at the way the tournament is being run. What has upset the Midlands club is that Rhondda, the Welsh club, have been given a bye as far as the quarter-finals, having been beaten by Birmingham in the qualifying group.

"We find this an incredible decision," Bernie Gallagher, the Birmingham director, said. "We finish top of a group, yet a team which finishes below us godes through with a bye." All the Carlsberg National League teams were told they were obliged to enter the Masters event, even though, in their eyes, it is inconsequential.

"We considered pulling out before but now we have written to the EBBA saying we will not have any participation in the Brisith Masters from now on," Gallagher said. It has cost us £1,500 to go through the qualifying rounds and if we reach the final stages it will cost us another £7,500. The competition has got no credibility, no television and no prize money. We struggled to get 400 people here for a local derby with Sandwell then we had the expenses of getting to Wales to play Rhondda and Swindon." Gallagher says that Birmingham would have had to keep on their two American players until April had they reached the final stages.

Welsh said: "The National League management committee will have to consider what action to take."

BOBSLEIGHING

Phipps's fastest time

From Chris Moore, Igls

One of the impressive monopolies looks like being maintained in this weekend's European bobsleigh championships four man events here. Between them the Swiss and the East Germans have won 20 of the last 21 medals at stake in European four man competition since 1978.

The Austrians on their own track here, had held high hopes of at least getting into the frame this weekend. But it remains to be seen whether their top driver, Peter Kienast, is able to race tomorrow after an unfortunate crash in practice. A doctor will decide this morning whether he can compete in today's final practice.

Detlef Richter was fastest on both yesterday's two laufs to clinch his place in the East German team alongside Wolfgang Hoppe and Bernhard Lehmann. But Pichler and his Swiss team mates Hans Hiltebrand and Erich Scharer have been hot on their heels.

Britain's Nick Phipps and his Allied Steel crew of Bob Thorne, Keith Tower and Alan Cearns clocked his fastest ever start time in practice of 5.34 seconds on his final run yesterday and finished with the ninth best time of 54.34sec.

IN BRIEF

Bond evens the score

Perth, (Reuter) – Australia's main candidate to defend yachting's premier trophy, the America's Cup, have raced together for the first time. The unofficial two race series pitted the syndicate of multi-millionaire Alan Bond, the cup holder, against the Taskforce '87 syndicate of another tycoon, Kevin Parry.

In the first race on the 24-nautical-mile America's Cup course off Perth on January 21, Taskforce's Kookaburra I stormed home 43 seconds ahead of Bond's cup-winning Australia II, with Kookaburra II 20 seconds ahead of Bond's Australia III. But in yesterday's second race Australia III won by two minutes.

OLYMPIC GAMES: A Soviet member of the International Olympic committee indicated yesterday that the Soviets plan to send a team to South Korea for the 1988 summer Olympic games in Seoul even though they would have preferred a different venue.

Konstantin Andrianov, answering questions from readers in the newspaper *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, stopped short of saying outright that a Soviet team would compete.

SKIING: Britain's Martin Bell aged 21, who has shown outstanding form on the World Cup ski circuit this season has now bettered his starting position. Bell came tenth in the World Cup downhill in Val Gardena on Dec 14 and was only 1.8 seconds behind the overall winner Peter Wirnsberger, of Austria.

He was seeded No 80 and has now improved his position to 30 on the second seed list.

● Megève, (Reuter) – Heavy snowfalls yesterday forced World Cup Alpine skiing officials to rearrange their Megève programme, switching a women's super-giant slalom scheduled for tomorrow to Sunday and postponing today's downhill until tomorrow.

Coach Georg Zirknitzer said the downhill should be the priority and that the slalom should make way for it if necessary.

CYCLING: Robert Millar, who vowed he would never again ride the Tour of Spain after home riders ganged up to deny him victory last year, will finally be going back for revenge.

● Paris (AFP) – A record entry of 200 riders, in 20 teams of ten, will be at the start of this year's 4,100km Tour de France cycling race, from July 4 to 27. The entry, is 20 riders (or two teams) up on last year.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Third division
Brentford v Doncaster (7.45)

Fourth division
Colchester v Tranmere
Scunthorpe v Southend
Stockport v Preston

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Pearl Assurance National Indoor Championships (Cosford).
SQUASH RACKETS: Blue Stratos British U23 Open (Oasis Club, Marlow).

DONCASTER

Going: good

1.30 SANDALL BEAT NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,450: 2m 150yd) (14 runners)

1 003-221 AMBER RAMBLER (D Silverton) H Wharton 7-12-0 ..... P Tuck
5 20b-320 COCAINE (S Squires) C Holmes 8-11-6 ..... H Davies
6 30/1032 BRIGHT SHERIFF (T Winterton) O Brennan 7-11-3 ..... M Brennan
7 0320-0p WEIGHT PROBLEM (BF) (J Farragher) J Fitzgerald 9-10-12 ..... M Dwyer
8 0-32412 CRICKSTOWN (BF) (Mrs C Smith) G Richards 8-10-6 ..... D Coakley
9 2030-00 MARINE (D Pitcher) D Pitcher 8-10-4 ..... D Pitcher
10 11122/4 HANDYLAD (J Ross) W Wharton 7-10-3 ..... S J O'Neill
11 2-23230 MAGGIES GIRL (Mrs M Whiteman) Denys Smith 7-10-0 ..... R Rowe
12 0/0-0000 TURTLETON (C Egerton) K Bailey 9-10-0 ..... A Jones
13 00p-pp0 DAVIDOFF (Mrs D Bowlby) K Bailey 9-10-0 ..... J Barlow
14 0u24p STARJESTIC (R Robinson) R Robinson 8-10-0 ..... NON-RUNNER
16 000-04p RIGHT CLOUDY (P Liddle) P Liddle 8-10-0 ..... G Martin 7
19 400303 RASTASEMEFAICH (S Burt) S Burt 8-10-0 ..... Miss A Beaumont 7
20 02p400 BOSTON LAD (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 5-10-0 ..... J A Harris

1985: Meeting abandoned – snow and frost.

5-2 Crickstown, 3 Handylad, 4 Amber Rambler, 6 Cocaine, 10 Turtleton, Maggies Girl.

FORM: AMBER RAMBLER (11-0) beat Gringo (11-0) a length with BRIGHT SHERRIFF (11-0) 8l back in 8th at Nottingham (2m nov ch, £1,484, good, Dec 2, 14 ran). COCAINE (11-0) well beaten 7th to Berlin (11-0) at Lingfield (2m nov ch); previously (11-4) 12l 2nd to Desert Orchid (11-4) at Ascot (2m nov, ch, £7,987, firm, Nov 15, 4 ran). BRIGHT SHERRIFF (11-3) 2l 2nd to Broad Beam (11-10 with HANDYLAD (11-3) 1½l back in 4th and TURTLETON (11-3) 6th (Wolverhampton, 2m nov ch, £1,432, good to firm, Jan 13, 14 ran). CRICKSTOWN (10-8) head 2nd to Nema (10-3) at Ayr (2m nov h'cap ch, £1,436, soft, Jan 2, 8 ran) with MAGGIESS GIRL (11-1) 18l back in 5th.
Selection: HANDYLAD

Doncaster selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Handylad. 2.0 Airlanka. 2.30 Tophams Taverns. 3.0 Eton Rouge. 3.30 Premier Charlie. 4.0 Jobroke.

2.0 SELBY SELLING HURDLE (£1,158: 2m 4f) (11)

1 4-0 ROWLEY LODGE (D Bentley) P Bevan 5-11-7 .....
4 00-0 HENRY'S TRUE LOVE (H Geary Ltd) J Fitzgerald 5-11-2 ..... M Dwyer
5 MINI-MISS (Mrs H Dowson) O Brennan 5-11-2 ..... M Brennan
6 0 TREVI FOUNTAIN (M Tabor) G Enright 5-11-2 ..... –
9 3000 EMPIRE SANDS (B) (M Holley) B Wilkinson 4-10-7 ..... M Hammond
12 0 JACK IN THE GREEN (T Evans) F Jordan 4-10-7 ..... R Hyett
13 0p8 PAINTED THUNDER (J Ross) L Lightbrown 4-10-7 ..... K Sims 7
15 0r004 SILVER DUCAT (B) (R Baker) B Richmond 4-10-7 ..... J Barlow
17 113 AIRLANKA (R Joachim) J Jenkins 4-10-2 ..... P Caus
20 00 HILL'S SUPPLIES (Mrs G Simpson) S Wiles 4-10-2 ..... S Keightley
25 000 WHENNTHEWINDBLOWS (Mrs F Dickinson) M Dickinson 4-10-2 ..... J A Harris

4-5 Airlanka, 4 Empire Sands, 5 Henry's True Love, 6 Rowley Lodge, 10 Painted Thunder.

FORM: ROWLEY LODGE (11-3) tailed off behind Woodgate (11-3) at Chepstow; last season (10-7) 17L 4th to Mr Menacing (10-7) at Leicester (2m juv sell hdle, £849, soft, Dec 31, 11 ran). HENRY'S TRUE LOVE (11-1) finished in mid-division behind Topsoil (10-6) at Haydock (2m juv sell hdle, £817, soft, Jan 3, 15 ran). EMPIRE SANDS (10-12) best effort when 7¼L 3rd to Absonant (10-12) at Kelso (2m juv hdle, £548, good, Oct 5, 11 ran). SILVER DUCAT (10-12) 25L 4th to Lilian Fleur (10-7) at Southwell (2m juv sell hdle, £598, soft, Dec 12, 6 ran). AIRLANKA (11-3) 17½L 3rd to Timber Tool (10-12) with WHENTHEWINDBLOWS (10-7) distant 7th (Bangor, 2m juv hdle, £631, good to soft, Dec 9, 17 ran); previously (10-9) beat Marielko (10-7) 1½L at Huntingdon (2m juv sell hdle, £1,278, good to firm, Nov 16, 12 ran).
Selection: AIRLANKA.

2.30 ROSSINGTON MAIN NOVICE HURDLE (Grade II: £4,892: 2m 150yd) (15)

2 111 HONEYGROVE BANKER (Mrs J Lloyd) D McCain 5-11-11 ..... H Davies
3 0111 RULE OF THE SEA (R Jeffreys) A Scott 5-11-11 ..... Mr J Walton
4 111243 TOPHAMS TAVERNS (R Topham) G Moore 5-11-11 ..... M Hammond
7 241 ASSWAN (Sultan Adham) J Francome 6-11-7 ..... S Smith-Eccles
8 0/111-11 DAN THE MILLAR (Mrs M Haggas) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-7 ..... R Earnshaw
9 0-01420 HOTKOLE (B Newton) J Blundell 5-11-7 ..... D Dutton
10 1 IL CASTAGNO (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 5-11-7 ..... T G Dun
11 002 SHEAN LAD (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 6-11-7 ..... P Tuck
12 42442 THE REEDCUTTER (B) (H Harris) J Blundell 5-11-7 ..... M Dwyer
14 430-121 YANK BROWN (C Longstaff) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-7 ..... G Bradley
15 103 ACCURACY (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-11-6 ..... –
16 p200-1 INSET LADY (T Ramsden) M Ryan 5-11-6 ..... G McCourt
17 11-01 MRS MUCK (Mrs N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 ..... P Scudamore
18 00002/0 MOSSDRUM (L Griffiths) L Griffiths 8-11-2 ..... S Keightley
19 0 CAVALIERAVANTGARDE (Cavalier Carpets) P Wigham 4-10-9 ..... M Pepper

4 Tophams Taverns, 9-2 Honeygrove Banker, 5 Rule Of The Sea, 6 Mrs Muck, 7 Dan The Millar, 8 Inset Lady, 10 Yank Brown, 8 Castagno, 12 Asswan, Accuracy, 20 others.

FORM: HONEYGROVE BANKER (11-7) beat Razor Sharp (10-7) 7l at Haydock (2m nov hdle, £1,326, soft, Dec 1, 19 ran). RULE OF THE SEA (11-5) beat Chance Ina Million (10-7) 5l at Newcastle (2m nov hdle, £1,940, soft, Jan 11, 18 ran). TOPHAMS TAVERNS (10-0) 2l 3rd to Chrysaor (10-8) in Sandown H'cap Hdle (2m, £11,636, good, Nov 30, 12 ran). DAN THE MILLAR (11-5) beat Record Harvest (10-12) 6l at Wetherby (2m nov hdle, £823, good, Nov 26, 25 ran). YANK BROWN (10-13) beat HOTKOLE (10-13) 12l at Nottingham (2m nov hdle, £794, good to soft, Dec 2, 19 ran). INSET LADY (10-9) beat Fandango Light (11-0) 12l at Kempton (2m nov hdle, £1,648, good to firm, Nov 21, 12 ran). MRS MUCK (10-9) beat Auntie Dot (10-9) 12l at Cheltenham (2mm nov hdle, £2,561, heavy, Jan 2, 18 ran).
Selection: YANK BROWN.

3.0 WARDS' BREWERY NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £1,874: 3m 122yd) (16)

1 4113u0 ARAPAHO PRINCE (Middleriver Trading) J Edwards 7-11-8 ..... P Barton
2 0/333-01 FUN PARTNER (Mrs G Philipps) T Forster 7-11-6 ..... H Davies
5 0-p41p0 JUBILEE KING (Mrs M Steadman M Chapman 8-11-5 ..... R Balfour 7
7 40-1021 COTTAGE LEAS (N Harlas) M Ellerby 7-11-3 ..... R Morley
11 0/0222f CLONROCHE STREAM (M Thompson) W A Stephenson 7-11-0 ..... Mr M Thompson 4
13 10-02f ETON ROUGE (Mrs J Maunders) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-0 ..... G McCourt
14 8-f0043 EVEN DEEPER (B) (R Beeson) J Blundell 8-11-0 ..... D Dutton
16 21-0u3u FINE STEEL (Mrs P Brown) B McLean 8-11-0 ..... R Earnshaw
17 p003-4p GALTRIM (Callings & Interiors Ltd) T Bill 7-11-0 ..... R Crank
18 pf3-ppp IMPAGE (D Nicholson) R Robinson 8-11-0 ..... C Fairhurst
20 0-02220 MAYANNCO (G Wragg) R Peridns 8-11-0 ..... Dai Williams
27 00/0f ANNIVERSARY TOKEN (G Farndon Ltd) R Woodhouse 6-10-9 ..... J A Harris
28 43334f JOE'S FANCY (P Liddle) P Liddle 8-10-9 ..... G Martin 7
30 10-0uf0 SCOTCH PRINCESS (Mrs J Chugg) R Chugg 8-10-9 ..... P Nicholls
31 p0/f SONG BIRD (G Rock) Mrs C Clark 7-10-9 ..... Mr D Kinsella
32 00p-p THE NAWTON STAR (A Borrow) M Bpson 8-10-9 ..... M Brennan

3 Cottage Leas, 7-2 Eton Rouge, 4 Arapaho Prince, 9-2 Fun Partner, 8 Fine Steel.

FORM: ARAPAHO PRINCE out of his depth behind Very Promising last time; earlier (11-8) 11l 3rd to Strands of Gold (11-0) at Haydock (3m nov ch, £1,801, good, Nov 21, 6 ran). FUN PARTNER (11-1) beat Silver Snow (10-10) 10l at Nottingham (3m nov ch, £2,250, good, Dec 21, 11 ran). CLONROCHE STREAM (11-3) last completed outing 12l 2nd to Crickstown (11-3) at Kelso (2m 6f nov ch, £827, good to soft, Dec 16, 13 ran) with JOE'S FANCY (10-12) ¾l back in 3rd. EVEN DEEPER (11-4) 10l 3rd to Poor Hal (11-4) at Haydock (3m nov ch, £1,960, soft, Jan 3, 6 ran).
Selection: ARAPAHO PRINCE.

3.30 BARNBY MOOR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,565: 2m 4f) (9)

1 13/1111- CYBRANDIAN (D) (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-12-7 ..... A Brown
2 3322-40 VOICE OF PROGRESS (D) (M Vestey) D Nicholson 8-11-12 ..... P Scudamore
3 0-33202 RICHDEE (D) (Miss D Dalzell) N Crump 10-11-5 ..... C Hawkins
5 1/0u2p3 JUST FOR THE CRACK (D) (G Wills) K Bailey 8-10-2 ..... A Jones
6 11-0000 KELLY'S HONOR (D) (R Betasco) J Webber 7-10-10 ..... G Mernagh
8 100/04f- RICHARDSTOWN (A Dickinson) Mrs M Dickinson 10-10-9 ..... R Earnshaw
9 uff-141 PREMIER CHARLIE (D) (F Lipscomb) M Hinchliffe 8-10-3 ..... G Bradley
11 042303 STAND BACK (D) (W Carwford) W A Stephenson 9-10-0 ..... D Condell 7
12 400-p3 BOOK OF KELLS (CD) (R Beeson) J Blundell 11-10-0 ..... D Dutton

7-2 Richdee, 4 Cybrandian, 9-2 Voice Of Progress, 5 Stand Back, 6 Kelly's Honor.

FORM: CYBRANDIAN out of action since November '84 when (10-8) beat Ryeman (11-1) 4l at Ayr with Richdee (11-10) distant 3rd (2m 4f h'cap ch, £5020, good to soft, 4 ran). VOICE OF PROGRESS (11-13) 28 ½l 5th to Belgrove Lad (10-8) at Lingfield (2m 4f H'cap ch, £1,837, heavy, Jan 16, 9 ran). RICHDEE (11-6) distant 2nd to Misty Spirit (10-2) at Wetherby (3m h'cap ch, £3,723, good, Dec 27, 4 ran). JUST FOR THE CRACK (10-8) 35l last of 3 finishers to Ryeman (10-8) at Kempton (2m 4f h'cap ch, £5,089, good, Jan 18, 5 ran). KELLY'S HONOR (11-1) 10l 6th to Contradeal (11-10) at Worcester (2m h'cap ch, £2,794, soft, Dec 18, 13 ran). PREMIER CHARLIE (10-8) 3l scorer from Bright Oasis (10-12) at Uttoxeter (2m 4f h'cap ch, £2,211, soft, Dec 5, 7 ran).
Selection: PREMIER CHARLIE.

4.0 JANUARY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,164: 2m 150yd) (17)

1 0100-30 MENINGI (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 5-12-1 ..... G Bradley
2 10040-0 JOBROKE (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 6-11-10 ..... A Brown
5 10303-p NINO VOLADOR (H Dale) H Dale 5-11-4 ..... C Cowley 7
7 2024-03 MOUNT RULE (D Goose) D Yeoman 8-10-10 ..... C Hawkins
8 104200 JODY'S BOY (R Swiers) R Swiers 5-10-9 ..... Mr S Swiers 7
10 4020/04 PAJANJO (P Burke) J Fitzgerald 7-10-6 ..... M Dwyer
12 4-11u30 BUNRANNOCH HOUSE (Mrs B McKinney) R Fisher 5-10-6 ..... P Tuck
14 2/r1000 BILLILOV (W Love) Denys Smith 5-10-4 ..... R Rowe
15 000/1pp APPLE WINE (T O'Gram) D Chapman 9-10-3 ..... S Keightley
17 0311-00 SHARP SONG (J Latham) T Fairhurst 5-10-1 ..... C Fairhurst
18 242-200 GAINVILLE LAD (L Dickinson) 5-10-1 ..... Mr P Dennis 4
19 f300- NICE ONE ANDY (Exors D O'Donovan) G Huffer 5-10-0 ..... J Barlow
20 044313 VULRORY'S CLOWN (C-D) (Mrs H Dowson) O Brennan 8-10-0 ..... M Brennan
22 346-223 AMADIS (J Airton) T Barron 5-10-0 ..... P Scudamore
23 0001f0 CHI MAI (B) (J Norton) J Norton 6-10-0 ..... Sharron James 7
24 0110-00 KEYCORN (B) (H Key) J Blundell 6-10-0 ..... D Dutton
26 001-p00 JOSHING (R Spicer) R Spicer 5-10-0 ..... S Johnson

7-2 Mount Rule, 4 Jobroke, 5 Bunrannoch House, 6 Pajanjo, Vulrory's Clown, 8 Sharp Song.

FORM: MOUNT RULE (11-0) 10l 3rd to Secret Finale (11-7) at Sedgefield (2m 4f h'cap hdle, £1,755, good to soft, Dec 26, 9 ran). BILLILOV (10-0) best effort when beating Kumon Sunshine (10-2) 4l at Sedgefield (2m 4f h'cap hdle, £1,030, good to firm, Oct 22, 7 ran). APPLE WINE pulled up last 2 starts; previously (11-0) beat Dover (11-7) 3l with PANJANJO (11-7) distant 9th (Market Rasen, 2m h'cap hdle, £1,268, good, Nov 15, 15 ran). AMADIS (11-5) 9l 3rd to Il Castagno (11-5) at Catterick; previously (10-10) short head runner-up to McGillicuddy (11-3) with VULRORY'S CLOWN (11-3) 3l away 3rd (Market Rasen, 2m nov hdle, £976, heavy, Dec 26, 11 ran). VULRORY'S CLOWN (10-3) beat Acerate (10-11) 1½l with JODY'S BOY (11-7) 14½l away 5th here (2m nov h'cap hdle, £548, good, Dec 14, 18 ran). CHI MAI (10-1) best effort when beating Oryx Minor (11-5) 10l at Southwell (2m h'cap hdle, £1,198, heavy, Dec 6, 9 ran).
Selection: VULRORY'S CLOWN.

WINCANTON

Going: soft

1.15 CRAFTSMAN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,773: 2m) (8 runners)

1 1021 THE COUNTY STONE (CD) J Thorne 9-12-0 ..... K Mooney
4 22u1 ATATAHO S Pattemore 10-11-12 (7 ex) ..... C Gray
5 6000 GRIMA (D) I Dudgeon 9-11-4 ..... M Richards
7 sf-01 BISHOPS YARN (CD) G Balding 7-11-3 (7 ex) ..... NON RUNNER
8 1412 PEA-COCK-ADE M Eckley 10-10-8 ..... A O'Hagan
13 3u40 DOWNPAYMENT (D) M Bolton 12-10-0 ..... B Powell
14 8p3-p TALLYRAND (CD) A James 7-10-0 ..... G Jones
15 6009 MILORE I Wardle 8-10-0 ..... P Dever

1985: Bickleigh Bridge 11-11-3 P Croucher (9-2) J Roberts 7 ran

5-4 The County Stone, 3 Atataho, 4 Pea-Cock-Ade, 8 Grima, 12 Downpayment, 14 Tallyrand, 16 Milore.

1.45 SCULPTORS HURDLE (4-y-o: £2,355: 2m) (14)

1 0 BASSIM M Blanshard 10-10 ..... B Powell
2 3206 CHARLESTON GEORGE (B) D Jermy 10-10 ..... G Old
3 0 CRIME BUSTER D Murray-Smith 10-10 ..... Mr T Thomson Jones
6 1 FORT RUPERT (CD) P Walwyn 10-10 ..... D Browne
7 8 FRIENDLY MEMBER R Hawker 10-10 ..... M Richards
9 1330 HONEYMAN (B) (D) (BF) M Pipe 10-10 ..... P Leach
10 6 KUWAIT MUTAR M Madgwick 10-10 ..... A Madgwick
14 31 TESTIMONIAL (D) J Jenkins 10-10 ..... S Sherwood
15 11 WATFORD GAP (D) N Gaselee 10-10 ..... Miss S Lawrence 7
16 1 WIDE BOY I Balding 10-10 ..... R Dunwoody
18 000 COURTLANDS GIRL W Fisher 10-5 ..... C Cox 4
19 p MRS SAUGA J Bosley 10-5 ..... M Bosley 4
20 1102 NINATTASH (CD) (BF) M Pipe 10-5 ..... J Lower 7
21 0 UNCORNERED R Frost 10-5 ..... J Frost

1985: Mariners Dream 10-10 J J O'Neill (9-1) R Hollinshead 19 ran

5-2 Wide Boy, 3 Testimonial, 4 Fort Rupert, 5 Honeyman, 6 Watford Gap, 12 Ninattash, 16 others.

2.15 PATTEMORE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,431: 2m 4f) (18)

1 4pp-0 KNIGHT OF LOVE B Stevens 11-11-10 ..... J H Davies
4 2303 REAY'S SONG (D) (BF) G Kindersley 12-11-2 ..... P Corrigan 7
5 00pp FIRST QUADRANT H O'Neill 8-11-1 ..... S McCrystal 7
6 4010 SILVER ACE M Pipe 7-11-0 ..... M Pitman
8 0028 THE FLOORLAYER J H Baker 8-10-10 ..... C Brown
10 p2-00 SHANNIE O O'Neill 8-10-6 ..... C Smith
11 p/0pp GRAND MARCH K Cunningham-Brown 8-10-4 ..... A Gorman
12 0000 PAPERACER B Preece 7-10-3 ..... R Stronge
13 p00f POOR SON (B) R Voorspuy 10-10-2 ..... R Rowell
15 fb0p CUDDLY BEAR N Ayliffe 8-10-0 ..... M Ayliffe
16 00p0 FIGHTING ROCKET N Mitchell 9-10-0 ..... N Coleman
17 p0f0 WHITTINGTON Mrs M Easton 8-10-0 ..... –
18 p/rtp PURSEBEARER (B) E Retter 10-10-0 ..... –
19 p-0t0 LES DANCER A J K Dunn 7-10-0 ..... M Yeoman 7
20 0pp0 CUSHY FILE C Popham 9-10-0 ..... R Dunwoody
22 00-00 MASTER BOON (B) D Tucker 7-10-0 ..... S Earle
23 0-ftp BAUBLOSS B Sarlven 11-10-0 ..... A Carroll
24 p000 SQUIRE TRELAWNY (B) P Hobbs 8-10-0 ..... –

11-4 Silver Ace, 7-2 Reay's Song, 9-2 Shannie, 5 The Floorlayer, 8 Poor Son, 10 Les Dancer, 12 Knight Of Love, 16 Paperacer, 20 others.

2.45 PAINTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,484: 2m) (16)

2 1020 TIGHT TURN (D) R Frost 7-11-8 ..... J Frost
3 303-1 RAINBOW LADY (CD) M Pipe 5-11-6 (8 ex) ..... J Lower 7
5 0000 FORTOLD (D) P Bailey 8-11-2 ..... J Duggan
6 20-21 PANTO PRINCE L Kennard 8-11-2 (4 ex) ..... B Powell
7 33p/0 HARESCEUGH (CD) N Gaselee 8-11-0 ..... Mr P MacEwan 7
9 0030- STARS AND STRIPES (CD) R Frost 7-10-12 ..... –
11 0/0p0 PITLOCHRY (D) A Aylett 9-10-8 ..... G Jones
12 0-000 IOWA (B) J Fox 7-10-7 ..... B Wright
13 0-000 HEALTH N HAPPINESS B Curley 7-10-5 ..... D Murphy 4
14 03b2 OPEN THE BOX (B) G Balding 7-10-5 ..... R Guest 7
15 1p0-0 WALHAN (D) M W Eckley 6-10-3 ..... A Hubbard 7
16 2000 ISOM DART T Hallett 7-10-3 ..... Samantha Dunster 7
18 81-00 MY SHIP R Hodges 12-10-0 ..... –
19 0pp/0 COURCHEVEL D Tucker 8-10-0 ..... S Earle
21 1302- UNDES (D) D Burchell 6-10-0 ..... S Davies 7
23 0000 BIDDABLE I Dudgeon 7-10-0 ..... R Chapman 4

1985: Lohengrin 9-10-2 R Dunwoody (14-1) M Salaman 18 ran

3 Open The Box, 7-2 Panto Prince, 4 Rainbow Lady, 5 Tight Turn, 8 Haresceugh, 10 Health 'N' Happiness, 12 Isom Dart.

Wincanton selections

By Mandarin

1.15 THE COUNTY STONE (nap). 1.45 Wide Boy. 2.15 Silver Ace. 2.45 Rainbow Lady. 3.15 Macoliver. 3.45 I'm A Dealer.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Panto Prince. 3.15 MACOLIVER (nap). 3.45 Nirmal Hriday.

3.15 RACING IN WESSEX HANDICAP CHASE (£1,808: 3m 1f) (12)

1 1140 GREENWOOD LAD J Gifford 9-12-2 ..... Mr T Grantham 4
2 3142 CRANLOME R Champion 8-10-12 ..... Mrs J Carrier
4 42-11 MACOLIVER (B) (CD) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-10 (7 ex) ..... B De Haan
5 8-0u2 TWO COPPERS (D) L Kennard 11-10-8 ..... B Powell
7 31-00 FURZEN HILL J King 7-10-6 ..... S Sherwood
8 0p/00- NO PARDON P Hobbs 11-10-4 ..... Philip Hobbs
9 33-40 ROGAIRIO P Bailey 10-10-0 ..... K Mooney
10 -0332 ROYSCAR (D) J Chenin 9-10-0 ..... R Millman
11 0004 STAR GAZETTE J D Roberts 10-10-0 ..... C Brown
12 0-f00 WILD GAMBLE (CD) J Cobden 12-10-0 ..... S Shilston
13 0pp0 CROZEBRIDGE (D) R E James 11-10-0 ..... R Dunwoody
14 03-pp HIGHLAND DRAKE (D) I Wardle 13-10-0 ..... K Townend 7

1985: Castle Warden 8-10-1 P Barton (4-1) J Edwards 10 ran

6-4 Macoliver, 5 Royscar, 6 Greenwood Lad, 8 Furzen Hill, 10 Cranlome, 12 Two Coppers, 16 Rogairio, 20 others.

3.45 POTTERS NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,050: 2m 6f) (23)

1 4110 SIX SHOT (CD) L Kennard 6-11-10 ..... B Powell
2 00-2f CHERRY SIDE Lady Herries 6-11-0 ..... P Double
8 2-030 I'M A DEALER Mrs J Pitman 8-10-10 ..... M Pitman
10 002-8 RAJA KHAN J Chugg 5-10-7 ..... W Humphreys 7
12 204 JOE'S FOLLY J Thorne 5-10-5 ..... J Hurst 7
15 320 SPOONBENDER G Balding 6-10-2 ..... S Sherwood
16 0/00f- EASTER NIGHT T Forster 8-10-2 ..... R Dunwoody
18 000 SPEND EASY A Aylett 6-10-1 ..... G Jones
19 422-0 LIFT HIGH D Tucker 7-10-1 ..... S Earle
20 1400 BARNABY RUDGE R Simpson 8-10-1 ..... M Bastard
21 4/000 HAWORTH PARK Miss J Seaborn 7-10-1 ..... A Webb
22 0-200 CAME COTTAGE N Mitchell 6-10-0 ..... N Coleman
23 /0p-10 NIRMAL HRIDAY D A Wilson 8-10-0 ..... D Murphy
26 2-p00 ROYAL BAIZE (BF) J H Baker 8-10-0 ..... Mr L Harvey
27 00p-0 FLEXIBLE FRIEND J Fox 6-10-0 ..... S Moore
28 0p02- INDIAN OFFICER T Hallett 7-10-0 ..... Samantha Dunster 7
33 0440 ENBYAR DAN Miss P O'Connor 8-10-0 ..... C Warren 7
35 0-pf0 BILLY'S BOMBARDIER G Balding 7-10-0 ..... A Charlton 7
36 0000- HADDAK B Palling 5-10-0 ..... C Evans 7
37 003/0 LANCE PRIVATE R Pocock 8-10-0 ..... P Richards
38 0000/ IRON BILLY P Hayward 7-10-0 ..... C Mann
39 000-f SAUCY MOP B Preece 6-10-0 ..... R Stronge
40 p00-0 DAWN SAGA P Hobbs 5-10-0 ..... –

1985: Bardsley 5-10-0 J J O'Neill (25-1) R Hollinshead 23 ran

3 I'm A Dealer, 4 Joe's Folly, 5 Spoonbender, 6 Cherry Side, 8 Six Shot, 10 Barnaby Rudge, 12 Haddak, 16 others.

AYR

Going: soft (heavy patches)

1.45 BARR NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (12 runners)

3 14 CARO'S GIFT (D) N Tinkler 5-11-5 ..... J J O'Neill
7 0/ff-2 BRIGAN P Monteith 8-10-13 ..... D Nolan
10 20-0 KEPT ON ICE J S Wilson 5-10-13 ..... A Farrell 4
12 040- MAGWOOD C Parker 6-10-13 ..... S Turner 7
14 044 MICKEY MARLEY I Ferguson (Ire) 5-10-13 ..... Mr P Griffin 4
18 00/ STATES GENERAL T Craig 7-10-13 ..... B Hay 7
19 00f0 BRIGHT SUGGESTION T Goldie 8-10-8 ..... Mr K Anderson 7
22 000p GOLD PROFIT W Young 6-10-8 ..... Mr R Robinson
24 04-p0 LOCH LOVER R Allan 5-10-8 ..... N Doughty
25 00 MARY MAGUIRE D Chapman 9-10-8 ..... P A Charlton
28 03p/0 MISS BRIG D Robertson 5-10-8 ..... Mrs A Robertson
29 32-00 RIBBONS OF BLUE M Naughton 6-10-8 ..... J D Davies 7

1985: meeting abandoned – frost

11-10 Caro's Gift, 3 Brigan, 6 Magwood, 8 Ribbons Of Blue, 10 Mickey Marley, 12 Mary Maguire, 14 Kept On Ice, 16 others.

Ayr selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Caro's Gift. 2.15 Another City. 2.45 Kamal Siddiqui. 3.15 Glenmore. 3.45 Orp Baltic. 4.15 Mr Barnum.

2.15 HAMILTON CAMPBELL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,026: 2m 4f) (8)

1 3/fp YOUNG DRIVER J S Wilson 9-11-10 ..... K Jones
2 1341 ANOTHER CITY (CD) G W Richards 7-11-5 (5 ex) ..... N Doughty
5 0-223 KARENMORE (C) (BF) M H Easterby 8-11-3 ..... J J O'Neill
8 u132 PRESS GANG (C) J S Wilson 11-10-5 ..... M Bowlby 7
9 1124 SHIRLSTAR BUYABOX (BF) J Wade 10-10-0 ..... S Charlton
10 022-1 SNOW BLESSED (CD) C Alexander 8-10-0 ..... C Pimlott
12 3-432 POLARS LADDIE R Goldie 13-10-0 ..... P Niven 7
14 3/40 SLASHER (CD) G Fairbairn 12-10-0 ..... P A Farrell

2 Karenmore, 5-2 Another City, 6 Press Gang, 8 Shirlstar Buyabox, 10 Snow Blessed, 12 Polars Laddie, 14 others.

2.45 CROSSHILL NOVICE CHASE (£1,589: 3m 110yd) (6)

5 4400 EBORACUM B Wilkinson 8-11-5 ..... G Harker 4
7 041-0 KAMAL SIDDIQUI P Charlton 6-11-5 ..... P A Charlton
10 p20/0 MR SPOT R Shiels 9-11-5 ..... Mr R Shiels 7
11 03/0r- MUCKLERIDGE R Nixon 8-11-5 ..... P A Farrell 4
15 000-4 TAMSON'S TIPPLE D Robertson 10-11-5 ..... Mr D Robertson
16 0000/ BELLAJEN W McGhie 10-11-0 ..... Mr K Anderson 7

Evens Eboracum, 3 Tamson's Tipple, 5 Mr Spot, 10 Kamal Siddiqui, 14 Bellajen, 16 Muckleridge.

3.15 STRAITON SELLING HURDLE (£977: 2m) (10)

1 u-33p CHATTY CHEZ J Kettlewell 5-11-7 ..... S Kettlewell
3 0000 BALKASH R Stubbs 5-11-6 ..... D Wilkinson
8 pfp-u NEW TIMES (B) N Bycroft 5-11-5 ..... K Jones
10 0330 WALLSIDE HARBOUR T Jeffrey 5-11-6 ..... Mr T Jeffrey
14 p0 APRICATE Miss C Carroe 4-10-8 ..... M Barnes
16 04 PORTAL DANCER (B) F Carr 4-10-8 ..... P Thompson 7
18 f00 SMART IN BLACK G Richards 4-10-8 ..... J Hansen
20 40f0 GAME TRACK M Lambert 4-10-3 ..... R Marley 7
21 022 GLENMORE J Jenkins 4-10-3 ..... J J O'Neill
23 NAME THE GAME J Rowlands 4-10-3 ..... G Harker 4

4-5 Glenmore, 7-2 Smart In Black, 5 Portal Dancer, 10 Wallside Harbour, New Times, 14 Game Track, 20 others.

3.45 GIRVAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,242: 2m) (5)

3 0043 BIRSBY (D) R McDonald 12-11-7 ..... P A Farrell
4 2-f20 DRUM RULLAGH (CD) (BF) M Lambert 11-11-6 ..... R Marley
5 000-2 ORP BALTIC (D) E Alston 7-11-4 ..... M Alston
6 p201- POLARS SMARTIE (CD) R Goldie 15-11-3 ..... P Niven
11 3300 TAILORED TO TASE (D) M Naughton 7-10-4 ..... J D Davies

5-4 Orp Baltic, 5-2 Birsby, 4 Polars Smartie, 8 Drum Rullagh, 14 Tailored To Taste.

4.15 BARR NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (11)

1 0017 OLD NICK (CD) J Hanson 5-11-11 ..... C Pimlott
3 3010 SPECIAL SETTLEMENT R Allan 5-11-5 ..... P Niven 7
8 000- ATKINSONS G Richards 5-10-13 ..... N Doughty
9 8003 GENERAL CHANDOS J Bradburne 5-10-13 ..... Mr J Bradburne
10 020-3 LUCKY FEN C Tinkler 6-10-13 ..... R O'Leary
11 2/341 MR BARNUM I Ferguson (Ire) 6-10-13 ..... Mr P Griffin 4
14 0 PRINCE OBERON R Allan 5-10-13 ..... J K Kinane
15 0000 SIR SIOGH (B) Mrs D Culham 6-10-13 ..... P A Farrell 4
18 4-200 SUMMER STOP P Monteith 5-10-13 ..... D Nolan
20 pop-0 CAPRICORN SAINT G Eubank 6-10-8 ..... J Goulding
22 0000 FASKIN D Robertson 7-10-8 ..... Mrs A Robertson

4-5 Old Nick, 4 Lucky Fen, 6 Mr Barnum, 8 Special Settlement, 10 General Chandos, 12 Summer Stop, 14 Atkinsons, 16 others.

Yesterday's results

Huntingdon

12.45 (2m 4f ch) 1. ECHO SOUNDER (H Davies, 15-8); 2. Troop the Colour (P Scudamore, 8-1); 3. Swift Retort (S Sherwood, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Marshell Key (f), 8 Repent, 10 Alsiri (5th), 12 Verona Magic (pu), 25 John Wellburn (4th), Joliffe's Double (f), Nemo Kybo (6th), My Name Is Nobody (f). 11 ran. NR: Nalots Boy. 7l, 2½l, 15l, hd, ½l. T Forster at Wantage. TOTE: £2.40; £1.80, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £4.90. CSF: £17.20.

1.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1. WOODGATE (H Davies, 5-4 fav); 2. Attilo (S Smith Eccles, 11-2); 3. Aldo King (P Double, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Donna Farina (4th), 10 Royal Insight, 11 Wicked Uncle (5th), 12 Forever Singing (pu), The Capo Famiglia, 14 Arges (6th), 20 Walmer Sands, 25 Carney Court, Moonlighting, 33 Be Resolute (pu), Buddens Wood, Lucky Lutino, Russell Fink, Write The Music, Le Marsh (pu), Netherdar Deekeys, Quinn West Flyer. 21 ran. 6l, 8l, 5l, 4l, 1½l. T Forster at Wantage. TOTE: £2.80; £1.50, £2.10, £4.30. DF: £6.30. CSF: £11.13.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1. MAID OF MOYODE (G McCourt, 7-2); 2. Donstall (G Williams, 20-1); 3. Official Dress (R Dunwoody, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Lord Laurence (f), 7-2 Turkena (f), 8 Angel Bank (f), Plash (f), 16 Glen to Glen (f), 25 Hopeful Chimes (4th), 33 Agintry (f). 10 ran. NR: Ravenslodge. 8l, 20l, 1l. J Webber at Banbury. TOTE: £6.00; £2.00, £3.50, £2.60. DF: £39.30. CSF: £84.46.

2.15 (2m 100yd ch) 1. CAPTAIN DAWN (E Murphy, 4-5 fav); 2. Archers Prince (M Bosley, 5-1); 3. Silent Echo (M Jenkins, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Glenrue (6th), 9 Milanessa (4th), Palatinate (f), 33 Brahms And Liszt (f), Match Master (5th). 8 ran. NR: Nero Wolf. 10l, 12l, 4l, 3l, 2l. J Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £4.70. CSF: £6.54.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1. KITTO (Mr J Bosley, 2-1 fav); 2. Joint Sovereignty (M Dwyer, 100-30); 3. Precipice Moss (M Bosley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ogden York, 9-2 Rambling Wind (4th), 13-2 Sassanoco, 25 Hopeful Kybo (5th), 33 Captain Jerry (6th), Clarence Hope (pu), Last Extravagance, Perroquet, Ouse Island (pu), Pellonia (pu), Rahib (pu), Saint Malo (f). 15 ran. 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 12l, 7l, 7l. F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: £3.50; £1.80, £2.30, £3.40. DF: £5.10. CSF: £10.07.

3.15 (3m 100yd ch) 1. CELTIC SLAVE (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2. Wise Words (K Mooney, 20-1); 3. Tar Knight (P Barton, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Overaway (5th), 5 Ivory Crest (4th), 6 Flying Mistress, 14 Cole Porter (f), 16 Clonaen King (pu), Greenbank Park (6th), 33 Broughton Lad (f), Mount Feddane (pu). 11 ran. NR: Polar Express. 3l, 6l, 1½l, 12l, 2l. T Forster at Wantage. TOTE: £2.30; £1.60, £3.80, £1.80. DF: £13.40. CSF: £37.37. Tricast: £229.45.

3.45 (3m hdle) 1. JENNIE PAT (P Tuck, 5-1); 2. Inlander (J Lovejoy, 10-1); 3. North West (G Moore, 7-1); 4. Dunseany (P Scudamore, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Mr Gregory, 6 Free Choice, 10 Rare Pleasure (pu), Bardsley, Mittini (pu), 11 Mellie (5th), 12 Castle Official (6th), 14 High Barn (pu), 20 Impertum, 33 Tarbolton (pu), Preaux (pu), Waterhead (pu), Sweetheart (pu), Dickis (pu), Our Bars Boy, Pass Ashore. 21 ran. Nk, 15l, 3l, 1½l, 15l. G Richards at Greystoke. TOTE: £6.90; £1.90, £2.60, £4.00, £2.20. DF: £454.20. CSF: £61.10. Tricast: £342.43. Placepot: £30.00.

Taunton

Going: soft

1.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1. INTO SONG (J White, 7-2); 2. Cavvies Clown (P Holly, 11-8 fav); 3. Mesquite (G Charles-Jones, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Tors (4th), 14 Sngadier Blake, Redgrave Girl (5th), 25 Kingsmill Lake, 33 Arnold's Hill (f), Devil's Pay (pu), General Option (f), Grey Cota (6th), Nearly A Man, Top Prval, Fedora (pu), Flying Free (f), Miss Balmacree. 16 ran. NR: Straight Member. 4l, 15l, 1l, 3l, 7l. N Henderson at Lambourn. TOTE: £4.40; £1.70, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.89.

2.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1. TIARUM (A Chamberlain, 16-1); 2. Gwallen Enterprise (T Wall, 14-1); 3. Taif (J Frost, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Californian Link, 4 Kuwait Leel (5th), 5 Danedancer (4th), 8 Dona Perfecta (6th), 12 Shandaroba, 14 Members Wish (pu), 20 Cedar Room (pu), Holme Code (pu). 11 ran. NR: Topsoil. 2l, sh hd, hd, 3l, 10l. A Chamberlain at Swindon. TOTE: £10.70; £2.10, £7.30, £1.90. DF: 1st or 2nd with any other £2.80. CSF: £199.15. No bid.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1. CANIO (B Powell, 4-1); 2. Vanter Boy (J Hurst, 33-1); 3. Gilded Gamble (R Millman, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Kevin Evans (f), 5-2 Torside (f), 6 Camebelle (ref), 12 Harlow Mill (5th), Queensway Boy (f), 33 Bannock Prince (ur), Cottno (bd), Shebbear (ur), 50 Astral Master (f), Conn The Cobbler (pu), Noxal (pu), Western Border (4th). 15 ran. 10l, 8l, dist, 15l. R Hodges at Langport. TOTE: £4.70; £2.20, £4.20, £25.40. DF: £182.10. CSF: £112.65.

3.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1. HOME COUNTY (C Brown, 5-1); 2. Teletrader (C Cox, 14-1); 3. Mr McGee (J White, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Waikiki (4th), 13-2 Jay Jay's Princess, 16 Rushoise, 20 Ekaytee, Melissa Gold, 25 Members Only, Rowlands Lad (5th), 33 Debbus Prince (6th), Tudor Mark, Dourame's Light (f/R), Levantine Rose, Loving Eyes (PU), Flash Model (PU), Pardis Review. 17 ran. Nk. 20l, 10l, 2½l, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. TOTE: £5.60; £2.10, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £48.10. CSF: £74.91.

3.30 (2m 1f ch) 1. ATATAHO (C Gray, 7-2); 2. Tudor Road (B Powell, 100-30); 3. Fire Drill (C Cox, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Bickleigh Bridge (4th), 33 Leseluc (5th), Capvista (pu), 66 Stemidge Valley (pu). 7 ran. NR: Canna. 6l, 25l, 1½l. S Pattemore at Somerton. TOTE: £3.30; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £7.20. CSF: £14.00.

4.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1. MIGHTY STEEL (A Webb, 5-2 fav); 2. Ruths Magic (C Price, 10-1); 3. Miss Metro (P Corrigan, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Our White Hart, 1-2 Carado (6th), 7 Baillywest (4th), 8 Lir (f), Deep Coach (pu), 20 Noble Mount (5th), Wedding Talk, 33 Retsel, 50 Ringabing, Catman, Bulandehar (pu), Saulingo Song. 15 ran. NR: Brooks Law. 7l, 4l, 1½l, 20l, 7l. N Lee Judson at Sindon. TOTE: £3.70; £1.50, £2.90, £4.50. DF: £15.30. CSF: £28.39. Tricast: £487.39.
Placepot: £126.45

● Tim Forster, who saddled three winners at Huntingdon yesterday – Echo Sounder, Woodgate and Celtic Slave – is still undecided whether to let his high class, but temperamental chaser Drumadowney take on the Gold Cup favourite Dawn Run in the Holsten Distributors chase at Cheltenham tomorrow. Drumadowney, who won four races off the reel before finishing fourth in last year's Gold Cup, pulled up on his seasonal debut at Lingfield and Forster said "I just do not know whether to run him or not. I'll discuss plans with the owner overnight."

● With his two stable jockeys Anthony Webber and George Mernagh both revovering from falls, the Banbury trainer John Webber called on the services of his former number one jockey Graham McCourt for Maid of Moyode in the Wyton Novices Chase at Huntingdon yesterday. He proved a first class deputy, bringing the mare home an eight lengths winner

Today's course specialists

DONCASTER

TRAINERS: Mrs M Dickinson 18 winners from 45 runners, 40.0%; O Brennan 5 from 18, 27.8%; G Richards 7 from 32, 21.9%.
JOCKEYS: R Earnshaw 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; G Bradley 5 from 25, 20.0%; P Scudamore 9 from 62, 14.5%.

WINCANTON

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman 12 winners from 55 runners, 21.8%; N Gaselee 8 from 44, 18.2%; J Thorne 15 from 95, 14.7%.
JOCKEYS: B de Haan 14 winners from 69 rides, 20.3%; K Mooney 18 from 104, 17.3%; Philip Hobbs 5 from 48, 10.4%.

AYR

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 28 winners from 111 runners, 25.2%; M Lambert 8 from 44, 18.2%; G Richards 48 from 263, 18.3%.
JOCKEYS: N Doughty 28 winners from 177 rides, 15.8%; T G Dun 23 from 165, 13.9%; J J O'Neill 14 from 106, 13.2%.

Patterson retires

Britain's longest-serving clerk of the course, Kit Patterson, will retire on Easter Monday, March 31, after exactly 40 years service at Carlisle. Patterson's first day at the Cumbrian course was Easter Monday, 1946. He will remain as a director of the Race company and is succeeded by Major Tim Riley as clerk of the course.

● Holsten, who sponsor the St Leger, are increasing their cash contribution to racing in 1986 by £14,000 to £163,000.

BOXING: ARCH RIVALS SQUARING UP IN PROMOTIONAL WRANGLE

Legal in-fighting could block Graham and let Sibson in

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

A legal wrangle that could break out between Frank Warren, the London promoter, and B. J. Eastwood, the manager of Herol Gresham, could not only stop Graham's challenge for Ayub Kalule's European middleweight championship on February 5 at Sheffield but also force Kalule to put his title up against Tony Sibson, of Leicester, Graham's arch-rival.

Warren claimed yesterday that he had a contract for Sibson to defend his Commonwealth title against Kalule at Monte Carlo on February 26 which blocked all other contests within 28 days of the bout. Warren said that even the European Boxing Union would not be able to carry out their threat to strip Kalule of his title for not meeting Graham at Sheffield on February 5.

"If the High Court stops the Sheffield fight, it is not Kalule's fault, is it?" Warren said "I shall seek and injunction if Eastwood tries to go ahead with that fight. They can only hold the fight if I agree and there's no way I will give them permission".

If Warren succeeds in blocking Graham's challenge both Sibson's Commonwealth title and Kalule's European crown could be at stake at Monte Carlo. That bout could put Sibson back among the top four world contenders Warren believed, and before too long the Leicester boxer could be facing Marvin Hagler again.

Sibson, who "exploded back on to the scene" after 14 months of inactivity with a second round knockout of Juan Elizondo, of Mexico, at Alexandra Pavilion, on Wednesday night, said he was looking forward to challenging Hagler.

"He spanked me when I was a boy" he said. "Now I am a man who has seen a lot. I have educated myself".

Sibson claimed that his positive showing against Elizondo, who was not exactly the over sun Crystal Palace, was his best for two years. "When I saw him going down the second time I did not want him to get up because I did not want to hit him again" Sibson said. If he can keep it up no one should come between him and Hagler.

Terry Marsh, who gave the untidiest display of his career to retain his European light-welterweight title against Tex Nkalankete, of France, confirmed yesterday that he had in fact damaged his hand in the fourth round and that had forced him to change from a stand-up boxer into an in-figher. He had to stay close to Nkalankete to keep clear of his swings.

Graham: his next contest could be in court

"The big finger knuckle has been pushed back" Marsh said. "When I felt the pain I immediately thought I had fractured my knuckle as I did in Monte Carlo. But it wasn't that." He will wait for the doctor's verdict before he takes up his commitments to box in the United States.

The Tilbury fireman, who had weals all over his face and a cut over his left eye to show for his endeavours, said he was ready for duty, be it to save a cat up a tree or a family trapped down a basement. "I can always gauge a fight from how I feel the next day" he said. "I'm ready to go back in the gym right now".

Witt heads squad

Olympic champion Katarina Witt will lead an Eastern German squad of eight at the European figure skating championships beginning in Copenhagen next Monday. Constanze Gensel will join the 20-year-old reigning European champion in the women's event while Falko Kirsten and Nils Koepp contest the men's title.

CRICKET

Rhodes and Cook in the limelight as match fades out

Colombo (Reuter) – Wicket-keeper Steve Rhodes hit his second 50 of the match yesterday to enable England B to declare their second innings at 121 for five and Sri Lanka 240 to win on the final day of their four-day match which ended in a draw with Sri Lanka scoring 101 for four.

Rhodes struck six fours and a six in an attractive innings of 57 as the touring team, who resumed at 16 for one, added 105 in 145 minutes.

When Nicholas declared shortly after lunch, Sri Lanka were left with 145 minutes and 20 mandatory overs to reach their victory target.

Wilf Slack and the nightwatchman Rhodes added 31 yesterday before Slack departed caught behind by the wicketkeeper de Alwis off Arjuna Ranatunga for 21.

Chris Smith was bowled by Warnaweera for two and Athey was run out for six but Rhodes, who hit a career best of 77 not out in the first innings, scored freely.

Left-arm spinner Cook took four wickets to give England a chance of victory but an unfinished fifth-wicket stand of 58 between Ratnayake (42) nd Gurusinghe (21) ensured the draw. Play was called off with 10 overs remaining.

Cook, who took six for 69 in Sri Lanca's first innings, struck with the total at 31 when he had von Haght caught for 11.

ENGLAND B: First innings: 363
Second innings

M Morton b Amalean	4
W Slack c de Alwis b A Ranatunga	21
†S Rhodes c A Ranatunga b Warnaweera	57
C Smith b Warnaweera	2
W Athey run out	6
K Barnett not out	16
D Pringle not out	9
Extras (b 6 5, w 1)	6
Total (4 wkts dec)	121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–47, 3–56.

BOWLING: R Ratnayake 8-2-11-0; K Amalean, 7-1-22-1; Arjuna Ramatunga 8-1-22-1; D Anurasiri 5-1-12-0.

SRI LANKA: First innings: 241
Second innings

M von Hagt c Tremlett b Cook	11
D Ranasurg b Cook	26
A Ranatunga c Athey b Cook	0
A Samaraseksara c Athey b Cook	5
A Gurusinghe not out	21
R Ratnayake not out	42
Extras (b 4, l-b 1, nb 1)	6
Total (4 wkts)	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–31, 3–41, 4–53.

BOWLING: Agnew 7-2-17-0; Pringle 8-2-27-0; Cook 17-7-28-4; T Tremlett 11-6-15-0; Barnett 3-1-15-0; Smith 1-0-4-0; Athey 1-1-0-0.

N Zealand win in tight finish

Melbourne, (Reuter) – A dashing 67 from Martin Crowe, who was well supported by consistent batting from his colleagues, gave New Zealand a thrilling five-wicket victory with one ball to spare in the World Series Cup one-day match against India here yesterday.

New Zeland, set a formidable 239 to win the day-night match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, started their run-chase in fine style when Wright and Edgar added 49 in fewer than 14 overs.

India's innings of 238 was founded on a patient 74 from Armanath who was backed up by Vengsarkar with 43 and Kapil Dev who hit 47. Sharma made an invaluable 20. 16 runs coming off Hadlee's last over.

INDIA

K Sridkanth c and c Chatfield	9
R Shastri l-b-w b Hadlee	6
M Amarnath c and b Bracewell	74
D Vengsarkar b Bracewell	43
M Azharuddin run out	12
*Kapil Dev c Bracewell b Chatfield	47
A Malhotra c Wright b Chatfield	7
C Sharma not out	20
R Binny b Chatfield	11
†K More not out	1
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, w 3)	8
Total (8 wkts)	238

S Yadav did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–15, 2–16, 3–98, 4–115, 5–182, 6–205, 7–205, 8–220.

BOWLING: Hadlee, 10–1–52–1; Chatfield, 10–2–28–4; Coney 7–0–38–0; Bracewell, 10–0–53–2; Boock, 8–0–51–0; Crowe 5–0–13–0.

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright st More b Amarnath	39
B A Edgar c Vengsarkar b Shastri	30
M D Crowe c Shastri b Kapil Dev	67
J F Reid run out	35
J J Crowe b Kapil Dev	30
*J V Coney not out	27
R J Hadlee not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, w 2)	10
Total (5 wkts, 49.5 overs)	239

J G Bracewell, E B M McSweeney, S L Boock, E J Chatfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–49, 2–112, 3–175, 4–185, 5–235.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 10–1–38–2; Binny, 5.5–1–31–0; Sharma, 10–0–57–0; Amarnath, 5–0–28–1; Shastri, 10–0–30–1; Yadav, 9–0–51–0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Australia	6	4	1	1	9
New Zealand	6	2	1	3	5
India	6	2	0	4	4

Next match: Tomorrow: New Zealand v India (Adelaide).

The lure of one-day spectacles

From Ivo Tennant, Johannesburg

In South Africa, as elsewhere, one-day cricket is all the rage. For the first of the 50 overs-a-side matches against the breakaway Australians, 22,000 tickets have already been sold. By contrast the aggregate figures for five days of the final "Test' was only 38,000. So it can easily be gleaned why there are as many as six one-day fixtures. The form of the Australians would appear not to matter. The spectacle is the thing, and there will no doubt be more on view than merely cricket in pyjamas. The contest at the Wanderers today is the only one of the six to be played as a day-night match.

Hughes, stunned by the australians' submissive display on Tuesday and his own 'king pair' was generous in defeat. He has impressed South Africans with his pleasant demeanour and with his exciting strokeplay. For the match today his side are troubled again by injuries. Hogg and Yallop are unlikely to play. Rather than go for an all-pace attack, as was the case in the five-day match, the Australians will probably play Faulkner and Hogan, both of whom can make runs. In the absence of Pollock, McKenzie's reward for his innings of 72 and 110 will most likely be a move up the order.

South Africa: C E B Rice (capt), S J Cook, H R Fotheringham, R Bentley, K A McKenzie, R Pleasar, G S Le Roux, E Simons, R V Jennings (wicket keeper), H A Page, C G J P Van Zyl, 12th man: I. Barnard.

Australians (from): K J Hughes (capt), J Dyson, S Smith, G Shipperd, M D Taylor, G Yallop, S Ribon (wicket keeper), P N Faulkner, T M Alderman, C G Rackemann, R Hogg, M D Haysman, R McCurly, T Hogan, J Maguire, T V Hohns.

● SYDNEY (Reuter) – Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, accused South Africa of trying to destroy sport in Australia by offering funds to rebel teams. Mr Hayden said that Pretoria had *admitted it was indirectly funding* the current South African tour by a rebel Australian cricket team.

VOLLEYBALL

Polonia pole-axed

By Paul Harrison

The biggest upset of the season saw **Polonia**, the national league champions, crash out of the Royal Bank Cup at the quarter-final stage to **Radio Trent Rockets**, of the second division.

Unbeaten in the league and parading a clutch of England internationals, the Poles from West London looked the hottest of favourites until play began. The Nottingham side, with home advantage and under the gaze of cameras from Central Television, took the first set 15-11 and the second 15-10.

It looked in the third set as though Polonia had woken up. Intense pressure caused the Rockets' blocking and back-court play to become ragged and Polonia took that set 15-3. Yet Polonia were not able to press their advantage in the fourth set, even though Rockets' centre blocker, Paul Lamb, had to be carried off after twisting his ankle. Rockets' blocking came back to life and they carried the match 15-11.

As a reward, the second division side meet Capital City Brixton in the semi-finals on February 15. Capital City had an expected 3-0 victory over Bracknell, also of the second division.

In another quarter-final match last weekend **Redwood Lodge**, of Bristol, went to Leeds and won 3-2, a week after losing 3-0 there in the league. The difference was Ucal Ashman. Contained the week before, he was rampant on Saturday. Leeds, enjoying a successful season in the league, have new sponsorship from the Dragonara Hotel in Leeds to console them. The deal, over three years, includes reduced rates for visiting teams staying at the hotel.

Redwood Lodge now meet **Speedwell Rucanor** in the semi-final. Speedwell beat Newcastle (Staffs) 3-0 in Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday.

Royal opening

Prince Andrew will open the National Badminton Centre at Milton Keynes on Saturday, April 12.

BADMINTON

New sponsor found

By Richard Eaton

The Badminton Association of England pulled off an outstanding promotional coup yesterday by announcing sponsorship from Carlsberg the Danish brewery company, little more than a week before the national championships are due to start.

The size of the sponsorship, which is not being revealed, is probably large enough to cover the costs of running the event. Money will not, however, at first go towards increased prizes which will remain this year at £5,025, but instead Carlberg will attempt to reduce the £25,000 costs the BA of E was prepared to pay out of its own funds.

It was less than three weeks ago that five leading professionals, who had signed for the promotions and management company Walker International, created a stir by deciding not to play in the event, preferring to concentrate on the international circuit. Some of them had critical words for the low-key image and modest rewards which the event had been allowed to acquire during the last five years.

These have now in large part been answered– First, the BA of E announced the axquisition of Channel 4 television coverage, that helped to persuade four of the five to play after all, and they have now signed up a sponsor who they apparently hope will be invovled in a long relationship with the sport. The implications asre considerable, not merely for the survival and credibility of the event, but for the future development of the game. Perhaps conflict may be kept to a minimum after all.

This year the event has only three notable absentees: Nora Perry, the world doubles champion who still prefers to devote herself to her international itinerary, Martin Dew, the European doubles champion who now lives in Copenhagen, ankd Dipak Tailor, the Thomas Cup hero who is Dew's current partner.

SEEDINGS: Men's singles: 1, S. Baddeley (Sussex), 2, N Yates (Kent); 3, equal S Butler (Warwickshire) and D Hall (Essex). Women's singles: 1, H Troke (Hants)' F Elliott (Surrey); 3, equal G Gowers (Sussex) and C Gay (Lancs). Men's Doubles: 1, A Goode (Herts) & N Tier (Hants). Women's Doubles: 1, K Beckman (Surrey) & S Halsall (Lancs). Mixed Doubles: 1, Tier & Gowers.

Court of Appeal — Law Report January 24 1986 — Queen's Bench Division

Circuitous procedure over wards in care

In re M (a Minor)
Before Lord Justice Fox and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce
[Judgment delivered January 22]

Where a ward of court had been placed in the care of a local authority, by an order of the High Court, the local authority was not under a duty to seek directions from the High Court before applying to the juvenile court for an order authorizing the local authority to place or keep the child in secure accommodation.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, so stated in dismissing an appeal by Lambeth London Borough Council from an order of Mr Justice Sheldon *(M v Lambeth London Borough Council (No 2) (The Times,* December 20, 1984; (1985) 6 FLR 371)), who on an application by the Official Solicitor, had directed, *inter alia*, that the minor (1) until his sixteenth birthday remain in the care of Lambeth and (2) thereafter and until further order be committed to the care of Liverpool City Council.

Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC and Miss Barbara Slomnicka for Lambeth; Mr Nicholas Medawar, QC and Mr H. W. Turcan for the Official Solicitor; Miss Caroline Rodger for Liverpool; Miss Gail Laurodus for the mother.

SIR ROUALEYN CUMMING-BRUCE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the appeal raised certain questions of procedure when a ward of court was the subject of an order made under section 21A of the Child Care Act 1980, as amended by paragraph 50 of Schedule 2 to the Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983, pursuant to the Secure Accommodation (No 2) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1808).

The particular problem that Mr Justice Sheldon had to consider, on December 17, 1984, arose from the fact that the persons appointed under regulation 16 to review the continued appropriateness of the placement of the minor had by a majority rejected the advice of everyone concerned with the case, including the Official Solicitor and the psychiatrist whose advice had been sought.

Upon an application for directions, the judge directed the local authority to apply to the juvenile court for a further authority that the statutory criteria continued to apply to the child. Authority was obtained for his continued placement for a further six months, ending on June 17, 1985.

Once again upon review of his case there was unanimity among everyone concerned with the boy, personally or professionally, but the persons appointed proposed his immediate release from secure accommodation.

In that situation it was the Official Solicitor who applied to the judge for further directions on May 8, 1985. The evidence before the judge was overwhelming and left him in no doubt whatever not only that it was in the boy's interest that his placement at the Kingswood Special Unit, Bristol, should be continued for a further two months until he reached the age of 16, but also that the necessary criteria existed to authorize such a course.

However, the legislation referred to constituted the juvenile court as the only forum with jurisdiction to decide that the criteria applied. The judge expressed the view that in the statutory context, the local authority to whom care of a ward had been entrusted by the court had to exercise its powers "subject to any directions given by the court," so that all major decisions relating to the child remained the responsibility of the High Court.

He held that the High Court, having the right and duty to consider whether the criteria existed to justify the ward's retention in secure accommodation, could disclose its conclusions and direct that they be made available to the juvenile court.

He accepted that the weight the juvenile court attached to the High Court's views and how they conducted their proceedings were largely matters for them, but said they might well regard the conclusions of the High Court as helpful in deciding whether criteria existed to justify the further retention of the child in secure accommodation.

There had been a difference of judicial opinion on the question whether an application for leave to apply to the juvenile court was necessary whenever the child in question was a ward of court who had been entrusted to the care of a local authority pursuant to section 7(2) of the Family Law Reform Act 1969.

In his judgment now under appeal, Mr Justice Sheldon held that the High Court should not give leave to apply to the juvenile court unless it was satisfied that the criteria had been established, and he gave it as his opinion that those facts and findings should be recited in the order of the court which could then be placed before the juvenile court.

Mrs Justice Heilbron had expressed a different view: see *In re K (a Minor) (The Times,* December 20, 1984; (1985) 6 FLR 357, 367).

In the usual case in which the facts and opinions of relevant adults constituted a clear prima facie case for application with a reasonable prospect of success, their Lordships were clear that the reasoning and the procedure proposed by Mrs Justice Heilbron was correct.

The application to the juvenile court was a necessary preliminary to a decision to place the child in secure accommodation.

Where the local authority was satisfied that a prima facie case existed for such a placement, it could and should apply to the juvenile court for authorization on the ground that the statutory criteria existed in the case of the child.

If the juvenile court, or the crown court on appeal, held that transfer to secure accommodation was not authorized that was the end of the matter. If the juvenile court or crown court authorized transfer, the local authority should then apply to the High Court for directions.

It was not necessary in such a case for directions to be obtained from the wardship judge before the local authority applied to the juvenile court. Only if the facts were such that the local authority was uncertain whether to make an initial application to the juvenile court should the local authority apply to the High Court for directions whether to apply to the juvenile court.

In the instant case, however, the initial application to the juvenile court had been made, authority for placing the child in secure accommodation for a second period had been given by the juvenile court, and there was only a problem for the local authority because the persons appointed to review the continued appropriateness of the placement had advised that it was not appropriate.

If the local authority, during the currency of a direction of the High Court directing the local authority to keep the child in secure accommodation, thought that the child should be transferred out of secure accommodation as a result of advice given by a review panel, it was the duty of the local authority to apply at once to the High Court for further directions. It could not take the step of terminating the placement without further directions from the High Court.

Likewise, it was the of duty of the local authority to apply to the High Court for further directions as to the future of the child after the existing directions terminated.

Regulation 17 of the 1983 Regulations confined itself to specifying the function of the persons appointed (17(1)) and to stating whose views they should ascertain and take into account (17(2)).

By regulation 17(3) the local authority was under a duty, if practicable, to inform all those whose views were required to be taken into account under paragraph (2) of the outcome of the review. It was implicit in the regulation that the persons appointed to carry out the review had to communicate their views on the matters about which they had to be satisfied.

Save for the duty to inform others in regulation 17(3) the Regulations were silent about the duty of the local authority after learning the views communicated by the reviewing persons.

Where a child was a ward of court the local authority could not take any step inconsistent with the court's current direction without applying to the High Court for further directions. The local authority was not bound to accept the advice of the review panel.

If, however, the local authority agreed with the view expressed by the review panel to the effect that the criteria no longer applied, or that continued placement in secure accommodation was no longer appropriate, it should forthwith apply to the High Court for further directions.

The statutory forum for deciding whether the criteria set out in section 21A of the 1980 Act applied in respect of the child was the juvenile court and the crown court on appeal.

It was anomalous that in the case of a ward of court the High Court had not been given the power to decide the same question. Unless and until the Act was amended, the ward was subject to a circuitous procedure which might involve the High Court upon an application for directions having to consider the very questions which had then to go for decision to the juvenile court.

Their Lordships agreed with those judges who had expressed dismay that the legislature had probably by inadvertence exposed the children concerned to such a multiplicity of proceedings. The sooner it was corrected the better.

However, on the legislation now on the statute book the juvenile court and the crown court on appeal alone had jurisdiction to decide whether the criteria existed.

Where leave had been sought from the High Court for the local authority to make such an application to the juvenile court, clearly the juvenile court had the right and duty to satisfy itself that leave of the High Court had been sought and granted.

The High Court was clearly entitled to include in its directions guidance to the local authority as to the material to be submitted to the juvenile court, But their Lordships respectfully differed from Mr Justice Sheldon where he held that the juvenile court would find it helpful to know the High Court's finding on the very questions which the juvenile court alone had jurisdiction to decide.

It was appreciated that Mr Justice Sheldon was careful to emphasise that the weight that the juvenile court attached to the findings of the High Court was largely a matter for them. The weight that they attached to any material before them was entirely for them, but it was doubted whether they as an independent statutory forum ought to be influenced by the view of another tribunal, however august.

For those reasons it would in future be better to exclude from the order giving leave to apply any findings of the High Court on the matters within the exclusive competence of the juvenile court under section 21A.

Solicitors Mr Richard J. M. Mellor, Lambeth; Official Solicitor; Mr W. I. Murray, Liverpool; Hodge Jones & Allen, Camden.

Asbestos death claim not statute-barred

Arnold v Central Electricity Generating Board
Before Mr Michael Ogden, QC
[Judgment delivered January 23]

Section 2A(1) of the Limitation Act 1939 (inserted by section 1 of the Limitation Act 1975) included within its ambit actions brought against local authorities, notwithsanding that they might have accrued rights of limitation under previous Limitation Acts.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in deciding a preliminary issue in favour of the plaintiff, Mrs Emma May Arnold, claiming as administrator, of the estate of Albert Edward Arnold, deceased, against the defendants, the Central Electricity Generating Board, that her claim was not statute barred.

Mr John Foy for the plaintiff; Mr Anthony Nicholl for the defendants.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the deceased had been employed by the defendants' predecessors in title as a boiler cleaner between April 1938 and April 1943, during which time he had been exposed to asbestos. He had died of mesothelioma in May 1982.

Under the provisions of section 21 of the 1939 Act actions against local authorities in respect of their defaults were barred after a period of one year. By 1944, therefore, the plaintiff's cause of action was undoubtedly statute-barred.

The question was whether subsequent Limitation Acts operated so as to deprive the defendants of their accrued rights. The special protection afforded to local authorities by section 21 was removed prior to 1975.

Because of the provisions of paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the Limitation Act 1980 it was necessary to consider whether the plaintiff's action had become barred prior to the 1980 Act.

The relevant Act was the Limitation Act 1975, which amended section 2 of the 1939 Act by inserting section 2A, which modified the limitation period in respect of certain actions. That section began: "(1) This section applies to any action..."

There was no reason why section 2A(1) should be interpreted so as not to apply to actions involving local authorities including those which prior to 1975, if not 1963, had accrued rights. There was no reason not to give the section the wide interpretation which it seemed to call for. The plaintiff's claim was accordingly not statute-barred.

Solicitors: Lawford & Co; Godfrey Diggines & McKay, Birmingham.

Corroboration not needed

Regina v Olaleye

The evidence of a complainant in a case of rape affecting an aider and abettor was not always subject to the general rule on corroboration.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Farquharson and Sir Ralph Kilner Brown) so held on January 20 when dismissing an appeal by Jimmy Olaleye against his conviction at the Central Criminal Court. (Judge Herrod, QC and a jury) of aiding and abetting rape.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the appellant complained that the trial judge had not directed the jury that the complainant's evidence affecting him required to be corroborated.

The purpose of corroboration was to confirm or support evidence which was believable, and thus fortify the jury in accepting the complainant as a reliable and trustworthy witness.

In the present case, where the evidence against the principal offender was corroborated, the jury must have accepted the complainant's evidence when convicting him of attempting to rape her, otherwise they woud have had to acquit him and consequently the appellant.

In such circumstances it would be absurd to re-apply the corroboration rule to a complainant's evidence affecting the aider and abettor to establish what had already been proven, namely that she was a reliable and truthful witness.

No contributory fault

Boots Co plc v Lees-Collier

Where an industrial tribunal had concluded on the evidence before it that there was no basis for a reduction in the compensatory award under section 74(6) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 on the basis of contributory fault by the employee, it was not necessary for it to address itself further to the issue of contributory fault in deciding whether it was just to order reinstatement under section 69(5) of the Act.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Hutchinson, Mr G. A. Drain and Miss A. P. Vale) so held on January 22 in dismissing an appeal by Boots Co plc against a decision of a Nottingham industrial tribunal on July 15, 1985 who made an award of reinstatement to Mr Eric Lees-Collier for his unfair dismissal.

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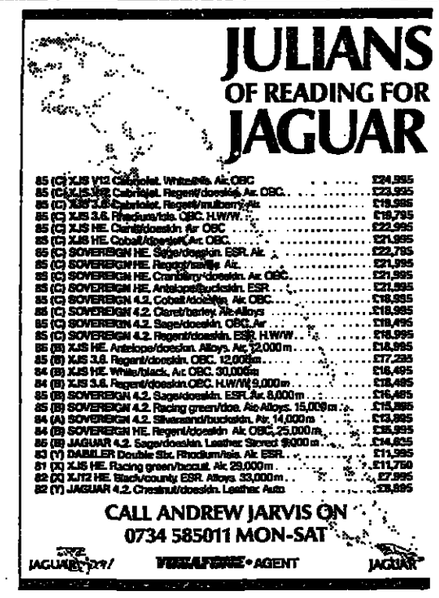

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Toyota challenges the cheapest Porsche

Porsche Cars Great Britain goes from strength to strength. Except for a minor hiccup in 1984 caused by the two-month West German metal workers' strike, it has increased sales annually for the past eight years. Last year was the busiest and most important since the British offshoot was formed 20 years ago.

It moved to a new £11 million headquarters and import centre at Reading next to Junction 12 on the M4, sold a record 3,438 cars and introduced significant changes across the whole model range.

Porsche enthusiasts were understandably excited by the new 152 mph 944 turbo, but they positively drooled over the 911 turbo with sports equipment. It was the fastest and most expensive Porsche sold in Britain, with a top speed of 171 mph and cost a cool £73,935. But in my view by far the most significant new model for Porsche's contined growth was the new 924S, the "baby" of the range.

Surprisingly, the 924 is not the biggest seller. That position is held by the more expensive 944. But the 924 is the Porsche that weans buyers away from other makes. Some 75 per cent of 924 sales are captured from the competition and about a third of those buyers progress to a 944 when they change cars. A remarkable two thirds of Porsche owners buy another Porsche.

Last year two significant developments took place with the arrival of the new 924S. It came of age at last by acquiring a real Porsche engine instead of a modified Audi unit – the car itself is still assembled by Audi at Neckarsulm – and its UK price shot up by an alarming £2,726 to £14,984.

Porsche acknowledged that such a substantial price hike for its cheapest car was a gamble. Many of the competition, notably the Japanese, are pushing aggressively into traditional Porsche territory with cheaper high-performance models. Will the price gap be too large? Will the 924 no longer win converts?

Porsche says there is no evidence of sales resistance yet, but concedes that it is too early to reach any meaningful conclusions.

In the meantime I have been sampling the new 924 and must say immediately that, in addition to the extra performance from the slightly de-tuned version of the 944 2.5 litre four-cylinder engine, changes to the suspension and wider tyres have made a significant improvement in handling. Its predecessor would understeer when driven hard. The new one turns into sharp corners as if on rails and still keeps plenty of rubber in contact with the road.

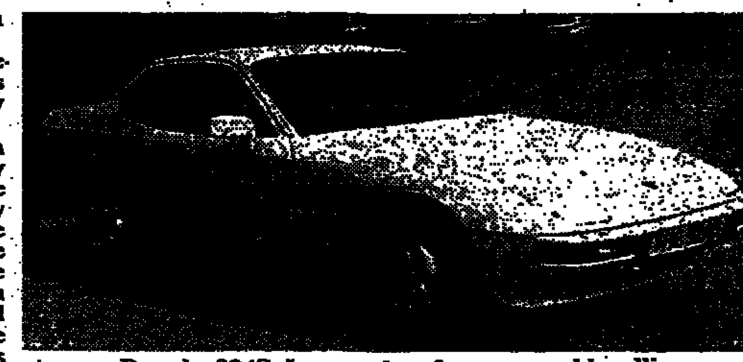
Straight-line steering at speed also seems to be that bit more arrowlike necessary to handle a top speed of over 130 mph. Its ability to shrug off gale-force side winds was particularly impressive, as was the improved quietness.

Vital statistics:

Model: Porsche 924S.
Price: £14,984.
Engine: 2479 cc four cylinder.
Performance: 0-62 mph, 8.5 secs; max speed 133 mph.
Official consumption: urban, 23 mpg; 56 mph, 46.3 mpg; 75 mph, 34.9 mpg.
Length: 13.8 feet.
Insurance: group 8.

But most surprising of all was the amount of grip and stable-handling available on roads recently affected by ice and snow. That must be a direct result of the excellent weight distribution obtained by mounting the five-speed gearbox between the independently-sprung rear wheels and driving them via a transaxle system.

It has to be accepted that the 924S is really a two-seater sports car with minuscule rear seats. They really are impossible for adults and only marginally acceptable for growing children. The hatchback luggage space is rather shallow, but because the rear screen is markedly bow-shaped it will take surprisingly large packages. A roller-blind cover can be pulled into position to cover the contents from prying eyes.



Porsche 924S: Improved performance and handling

Toyota Celica: offers more for less money

Toyota "Porsche"

One of the leading rivals of the Porsche 924S must be Toyota's all new Celica 2+2. It is certainly one of the handsomest coupes around today, and an outstanding example of how to harness a powerful engine to front-wheel drive without the handling problems normally associated with that layout.

The Celica is a bigger car – about seven inches longer than the Porsche – and much more fully equipped. At £11,999 it shows a saving of nearly £3,000 over the rather sparsely equipped German car *(no central locking!)*. How's this for a lineup of standard fitments – electric sunroof, electric windows and mirrors, central locking, remote control tailgate and fuel flap releases, air conditioning, dashboard fault monitoring system, rear wiper, radio-cassette player with four speakers, electric aerial, height, rake and fore and aft adjustment for the driver's seat, and a steering wheel adjusting for height and reach?

Gilding the lily does not compensate for shortcomings on the road. The old rear-wheel drive Celica would still have been disastrously short of Porsche appeal. Not so the newcomer. It does have some minor faults, but as a package I believe it to be the most refined and European Toyota to reach these shores.

The two-litre, fuel injected 16-valve alloy-head engine has already made a big impression on keen drivers in the Corolla GT and the sensational little MR2 sports car. It produces a robust 147 bhp that helps it to come within an ace of the 924's 8.5 second time from 0-62 mph.

The all-round disc brakes are powerful and light to operate, and, combined with Toyota's latest anti-dive, anti-lift geometry, do their work without fuss.

But by far the most impressive aspect is the total absence of the confidence-shattering torque steer which so often accompanies fierce acceleration in a powerful front-wheel drive car, and throws it momentarily off line.

The reasons are somewhat complex, but in brief the Japanese engineers appear to have solved the problem by using very stiff equal length drive shafts, much tougher engine mounts and reinforced suspension joints.

The ride is good on the whole, although it does become a bit choppy on worn suburban roads.

Vital statistics:

Model: Toyota 2.0 GT.
Price: £11,999.
Engine: 1998 cc. fuel injected four-cylinder.
Performance: 0-60 mph 8.7 secs; max speed 131 mph.
Official consumption: urban, 28.8 mpg; 56 mph, 47.9 mpg; 75 mph, 37.6 mpg.
Length: 14.3 feet.
Insurance: Group 7.

My chief complaint against the Celica is the power-steering. It is just that fraction too light and too direct for my taste, although by the end of a week I was beginning to come to terms with it. Perhaps if I had not switched straight from the rock-steady steering of the 924 I would not have noticed it at all.

The rear seats are restricted but not as badly as those in the Porsche. Boot space is much deeper and more accommodating.

As a driving machine, pure and simple, I prefer the Porsche, but for everyday transport and heavily-loaded weekend golf trips I would have to settle for the Celica. Overall it offers more for less money.

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CASTLE on January 19th to Sally-Ann (née Grover) and Howard – a daughter Laura Philippa.

COBBE. – On 18th January 1986 to Katherine and Hugh, a daughter, Elizabeth Honor.

COX on January 20th at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to Kate (Née MacKenzie) and Christopher, a daughter.

EDWARDES-KER. On January 16, to Gillian (née Burgess) and Gordon – a son (Patrick Donald) a brother for Douglas.

GIBBS – On January 19th at the Middlesex Hospital, to Judith (née Scallan) and Jeremy – a daughter, sister for Sarah.

JOHNSON on January 22nd to Virginia and Simon, a daughter, Maudie Alicia, a sister for Max.

LATHAM – On January 20th, 1986, to Christian (nee Scott) and Antony – a daughter, Helen Ann.

MAKIM On January 22nd in Sydney to Jane (née Ferguson) and Alex, a daughter.

MOSELEY. – On January 22nd to Jessica and William, a son.

PINNOCK on January 20th to Katinka (née Gruen) and Douglas a son Max Denham.

ROPER – On January 17th in Sydney to Amaryllis (nee Reynolds) and Simon, a son (William Arthur Clovis).

ROSS. – On January 19, 1986, to Simone (née Bargett) and Howard – a son (Jonathan Isaac).

RUSHTON on January 20th at Tiverton Hospital to Neil and Chris (née Barry) a daughter Eve Hannah, a sister for Timothy and Anthony.

THOMPSON. – On January 23, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Diana (nee Jewitt) and David – a son (James Thomas).

WOODMAN. – On January 22nd to Jane (nee Tillotson) and Nicholas, a daughter (Lucy Jane), a sister for Katie.

WRIGHT On January 21st 1986, to Leslie and Cynthia – a girl (Samantha Elizabeth) Humana Wellington Hospital, St John's Wood, London.

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TILLEY - BOUSFIELD. On January 24 1946 at St. Helen's Church, Welton, Captain Douglas Tilley M.C. R.A. to Mary Bousfield now at Springfield House, Bulmer, York.

DEATHS

BARNES. – On January 23, peacefully at home with her family, Phyllis Louise, (nee Bax Chambers), aged 87, dearly loved wife of Francis and mother of Hugh and Sara, also beloved grandmother of Philip, Louise, Jonathan, Caroline, Alexander, Jane and William, and great grandmother of Robert. Service on Thursday, January 30, at St Andrews, Eastbourne, at 10am, followed by burial at Firle Parish Church at 11.30am. Flowers to Haine & Son Ltd, Eastbourne.

BATHO on 21st January at Coxhill Manor Nursing Home after a short illness, Doctor Edith Batho aged 90, Fellow of University College London and formerly principal of Royal Holloway College. Much loved sister of Kathleen Mahoney and much loved aunt of Felicity and John Sharwood-Smith. Funeral at Chobham Parish Church on Tuesday 28th January at 2 pm. Memorial service to be announced later. Flowers from family only otherwise any donations to Mount Vernon Scanner Appeal.

BERESFORD-PEIRSE. – Francis Campbell de la Poer, on January 11th, 1986, aged 74.

BLACKMORE on 22nd January at Berkeley Nursing Home, Clevedon, Bessie Honor, widow of Bernard and beloved mother of Sidney. Funeral service at St. Mary the Virgin, Yatton at 2pm Wednesday 29th January followed by cremation at Weston-Super-Mare. Flowers to L. Bennett & Son, Funeral Directors, 9 Queen's Road, Clevedon, Avon.

BORDEWICH on 21st January peacefully in hospital, John Bordewich MVO of Brighton, and beloved husband of Georgia and father of John. Cremation at The Downs Crematorium on Monday 27th January at 3pm. Cut flowers only may be sent to 29 College Place, Brighton.

BREWER On Monday, 20th January, 1986, suddenly at home, Elizabeth (Betty), wife of the late Dr. H. F Brewer and mother of David and Morwenna. Funeral private Please, no letters.

BROMMAGE, peacefully on 17th January at Sydney Herivel House, Alderney, Channel Islands. Dr Edith Marie Brommage, aged 85, widow of Joseph Charles and devoted sister of Daisy Ford and Barbara Carr.

BULEY – Peacefully in hospital on January 16th, Olga Margerita aged 82, eldest daughter of the late Ernest Charles Buley and dear sister, aunt and great aunt. Cremation has taken place.

BURROUGH. On 21st January, 1986, suddenly at his home, Freakhayne, Colyton, Devon, Ben George (Max), beloved husband of Margaret. Funeral service at The Exter and Devon Crematorium on Tuesday January 28th at 2.30 Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Barnsley Educational Trust c/o Lloyds Bank, Seaton, Devon. Enquiries S J Richards & Son Tel (Colyton) 52353

CHILTON, peacefully on January 18th, 1986, in Tonbridge, Elizabeth (Betty) Manners, aged 94, widow of Vice-Admiral F G G. Chilton, C.B formerly widow of Lieut Mansel Rowly, R.N. Loving mother of Reggie, stepmother of Dick, the late Denis and Pat. Grandmother and sister. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Monday, January 27th at 1 30pm. Family flowers only to J H Kenyon Ltd, 74 Rochester Row, SW1P 1JU. Telephone 01-834 3624 No letters please

CLEGG, SIR ALEC CLEGG, Saxton, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire. Formerly Chief Education Officer, West Riding of Yorkshire. Loving husband of Jessie and father of Andrew, John and Peter. Peacefully on 20th January, 1986 Burial service at Saxton Church on Saturday, 25 January at 2 p m. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to The Parkinsons Disease Society at 36 Portland Place, London, W1N 3DG.

COEN. On January 20th, Joseph Verney, aged 76, after a short illness. Funeral service on Wednesday 29th January at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, Harrow Rd, NW10 at 11 30 am

COLE peacefully after increasing weakness, Leslie William, aged 78 years Beloved of Jill, his wife and his sons Rowland and Denis, also his stepson, Mervyn and Alan Saunders and his 12 grandchildren. For 21 years Financial Director of Babcock & Wilcox International. Private cremation, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Homewood Road, United Reformed Church Sandpit Lane, St Albans, Herts on Thursday 30th January at 2pm. No flowers, donations if desired to Heart, Stroke and Chest Association, Tavistock House, North, Tavistock Square, London.

DAVIES. – Monkstown, Co Dublin, January 22nd, 1986, in her 92nd year, peacefully at Carysfort Nursing Home, Elizabeth (Betty) widow of C. S P Davies. Deeply regretted by her sister Hope, brother Charles (Canada), cousin Marjorie, relatives and a large circle of friends. Very dear friend of the Grant family. Funeral from Quinns Funeral Home, 29 Glasthule Road, Dun Laoghaire, to Glasnevin Crematorium on Friday January 24th at 3pm.

DREWETT. – On January 21st, after a short illness borne with great dignity, Olive Hilda, aged 74, wife of the late Noel Drewett, mother of Jenny, grandmother of Noel. Aunt Olive to the boys. Funeral service at St Peter's Church Hammersmith, at 11 am on January 29, followed by burial at Old Bosham, Sussex at 3pm. Flowers to Barnes and Sons, 112 Devonport Rd, W12, or donations to Mencap 123, Golders Lane, EC1.

GIBBS. – On January 21st, 1986, in the Royal Free Hospital, John, following an illness courageously borne. Funeral service at Golders Green crematorium, Monday, Jan 27th, at 12.00pm.

GRAHAM. Elizabeth wife of Christopher peacefully at home 22nd January 1986.

GRENSIDE on January 22nd 1986 peacefully at Freeland House, Freeland, Oxford, Margaret Edith in her 96th year. Beloved Aunt of Rosemary and John. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Wokingham on Thursday, January 30th at 10.45 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to All Saints Church, Wokingham.

GUTHRIE ALEXANDER GORDON on 18th January 1986 aged 100 years, of Hampton Court House, Farningham, dear husband of Kirstie and father of Christina, Jane, Georgina and Caroline. Funeral service at St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Dartford, 1.30 pm, Tuesday 28th January, followed by Private cremation. Memorial service at Farningham Parish Church at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 26th February.

HENDRY. – On January 22, 1986, peacefully at Forfar Infirmary, Andrew Gilbert, aged 78, of Kerbet House, Kinnettles. Dearly loved husband of Jane, dear father of Michael, John and David, and a much loved grandfather. Funeral service in the Cathedral Church of St Paul, High St, Dundee, on Tuesday, January 28, at 11am, interment thereafter at Eastern Cemetery at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu may, if desired, be sent to Cancer Research.

HUTCHINSON on 19th January in hospital after a short illness, Ross brother of Betty Reoch and the late Mollie Burrell. Funeral at the Lambeth Crematorium, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday 29th January.

MARKE. – Suddenly in London on 17th January 1986, Pamela, aged 44. Daughter of Alfred and Ada Marke, West Wickham, Kent, and sister of Marion, Janet and John. Funeral service at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End Road, Beckenham, 27th January at 1.40pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Cheyne Hospital for Mentally Handicaped Children, Woodland Way, West Wickham, Kent BR5 9LT.

PERHAM on Uanuary 22nd on her 80th birthday, peacefully at home, Violet Margret, beloved wife of Leonard and mother of Jenny and Celia. Service at ythe Park crematorium, Aldershot on Tuesday 28th January at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council For Research, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

POWELL. – On 21st January, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Eric aged 85, much loved father of Yvette grandfather of Richard and Christopher and son in law of Faina. Service on Monday, 27 January at Woking Crematorium at 1.30pm. Flowers to Surrey Funeral Services, 3 Pyrford Rd, West Byfleet.

RICHARDS On 21st January 1986 at Babington Hospital, Belper and of Church Lane, Darley Abbey, Derby, Ethel aged 95 years. Loved wife of Dr H. R. Morgan Richards, and dear mother of John Funeral, Tuesday 28th January, service 2.30pm in Darley Abbey Church followed by cremation at Markeaton crematorium, Derby. Family flowers only please.

SACKMAN. – On 21st January, 1986, peacefully after a short illness, Bernard, beloved husband of Mamie and father of Simon.

SCHIFFER, BRIGITTE, peacefully on Tuesday, January 21st in hospital, Deeply mourned by O. Burchard and all hoer friends. Funeral service will be held at Mortlake Crematorium, Clifford Ave, London SW14, on Tuesday, 28th January at 11.00 am.

SEAMAN. – Lewis Charles Bernard, on January 21, peacefully in his sleep at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey. Beloved husband of Frances and loving father of John, Richard and Mary. Funeral service at 3pm, Tuesday, January 28, at Woking Crematorium. No flowers by request.

STAPLEFORTH. – On January 22 in her 82nd year, Ada Urania Northcote, at Dorset county Hospital, Dorchester, of Little Croft, Uplyme, Lyme Regis. Darling mother of Mary and Ann, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral servie at St Peter and St Paul, Uplyme, on Wednesday, January 29, at 2pm, followed by interment.

TIPPINS Suddenly on 19th January 1986 at home, George aged 80 Requiem mass at St Michael and St Martins R.C. Church, Bath Rd Hounslow on Wednesday 29th January at 9am followed by committal at Hanworth crematorium Enquiries to Barton + Son Hounslow Tel: 01-570 0118.

WADSTED. – Born in Copenhagen Bengt Wadsted, CBE, formerly of Stockholm at his country home in Lynaes Denmark on January 11, 1986, in his eighty-eighth year. Beloved husband of Edith, father of Jens, Peter, Anders and Mie (now Baron) whose love and generosity will always be remembered by them, his daughters-in-law, his grand children and great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BIRKIN – A memorial service will be held for Air Commodore J. M. Birkin at St Clement Danes, The Strand on Friday, February 21st at 12 noon.

DAVENTRY. – A memorial service for Robert Oliver Viscount Daventry will be held at noon on Thursday, 20 February, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

FIELD. – A memorial service for David and Sally Field, will be held at John the Baptist Church, Little Missenden, Buckinghamshire on Friday, February 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

PETERS. – A service of thanksgiving for the life of Eric Conrad Peters vice president of the All England Lawn Tennis Club, will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, at 11.30am, at St James Church, 197 Piccadilly W1.

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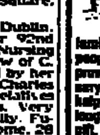
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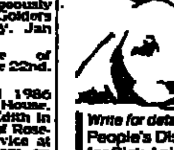
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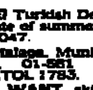
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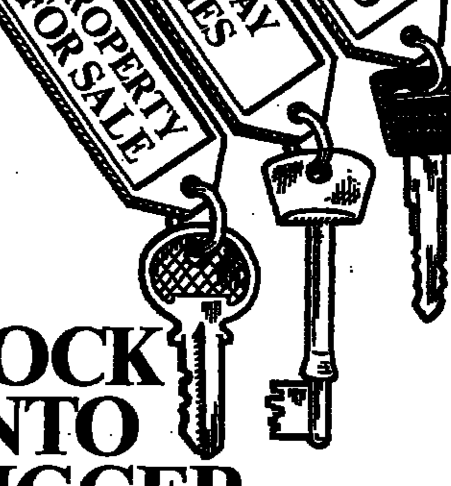

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6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.

6.50 Breakfast Time with Nick Ross and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; Lynn Faulds Wood's consumer report at 8.15; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, ways to improve Britain's football image; shopping advice; gardening hints; and pop music news.

9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Watts with guest, Ben Thomas 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart, includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One, presented by Bob Langley, Marian Foster and Josephine Buchan. This afternoon Peter Seabrook has winter gardening advice. 1.45 King Rollo (r). 1.50 Bric-a-Brac presented by Brian Cant (r). 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 Northern Ireland Election Special. David Dimbleby with a round-up of the results known so far; Peter Snow analyses them with the assistance of the BBC computer; and Sir Robin Day gauges reactions from Westminster, Belfast and Dublin.

5.35 Fax! Bill Oddie, Wendy Leavesley and Billy Butler answer viewers' questions on almost any subject.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Terry's guests tonight include Jilly Cooper and deaf xylophonist Evelyn Glennie. Helping Terry with a haggis-tasting are actors Ross Davidson and John Gordon Sinclair. Music is provided by Elvis Costello.

7.35 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's panel this week consists of Barry Cryer, Georgia Brown, Bobby Knutt, Sarah Payne, Keith Harris and Dinah Sheridan (Ceefax).

8.10 Dynasty II: The Colbys. A new series begins and the action moves to the West Coast. Jason Colby (Charlton Heston) gives a press conference on the successful outcome of his deal with Blake Carrington, but is inwardly worried by his sister's (Barbara Stanwyck) elevation of his nephew, Jeff, to equal partner in the Colby conglomerate. Jeff, though, has Fallon on his mind, while his mother (Katherine Ross) prepares herself for a meeting with her estranged son (Ceefax).

9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

9.30 Lovejoy. The freewheeling antiques dealer is helping a young woman in her search for a pair of Meissen figures when he comes across evidence of a double-cross (see Choice).

10.25 Victoria Wood – As Seen on TV. Unusual and entertaining comedy sketches and songs by the talented comedienne and her guests, Julie Walters, Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston and Susie Blake (r).

10.55 Film: A Whale for the Killing (1981) starring Peter Strauss, Richard Widmark and Dee Wallace. When on a sailing holiday off Newfoundland with his family, a storm forces Charles Landon to shelter in a fishing village. There, he becomes involved in a struggle to save the life of a whale trapped in a lagoon by the same storm. Directed by Richard T. Heffron.

1.15 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 9.17; Nigel Dempster's gossip column at 8.17; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; from TV-am's first two years at 8.45; an item on child musicians at 9.04; and woman of the week at 9.12.

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9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: the woods in spring. 9.47 The year of the Armistice. 10.09 Maths: following rules to make patterns. 10.26 Fires and flames and how to put them out. 10.48 English: Mummy's Tomb, by Andrew Nickolds. 11.15 The growing and harvesting of bananas. 11.27 How different animals keep themselves clean. 11.44 Uses of computers.

12.00 Benny. Adventures of a dog (r). 12.10 Rainbow. Learning about feet with the help of puppets (Oracle).

12.30 Here to Stay. In the fourth programme of his series on minority communities in Britain, Trevor Hyett talks to a group from London's Greek Cypriot community.

1.00 News at One with Carol Barnes. 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Film: Take My Life* (1947) starring Hugh Williams. Murder mystery about the death of a violinist in an opera orchestra after she was seen by a temperamental diva talking to the diva's husband. Directed by Ronald Neame.

3.00 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game for married couples, presented by Derek Batey. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 12.10. 4.15 The Telebugs. Cartoon series. 4.25 Worldwise. Computer geography contest presented by David Jensen (Oracle).

4.50 Ulster By-Elections Report. 4.51 The Best of Behind the Bike Sheds. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart includes an analysis of the latest results from the by-elections in Ulster.

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show.

7.00 Albion Market. Carol proves the power of mind over matter (Oracle).

7.30 Murder, She Wrote: Murder Takes the Bus. When her car breaks down, thriller writer Jessica Fletcher and her passenger, Sheriff Tupper, take the bus. Unbeknown to them there is a killer among their fellow travellers.

8.30 Constant Hot Water. Comedy series about two rival seaside boarding house landladies (Oracle).

9.00 The Gentle Touch. A young plain clothes detective constable is seconded to the Seven Dials station and immediately puts his colleagues' backs up by an endless stream of practical jokes (r) (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten includes Alastair Burnet reporting from Ulster on the last results of the by-elections.

10.30 The London Programme. John Taylor reports on the increase in doorstep criminals who trick their way in to old people's homes. Followed by LWT news headlines.

11.00 South of Watford. Hugh Laurie visits spectacular gravehead tributes to the dead.

11.30 Special Squad. The policemen are convinced someone is waging a vendetta against them.

12.25 New from London. The Explorers in concert.

1.20 Night Thoughts.

Tom Courtenay: Billy Liar, Channel 4, 11.30pm

CHOICE

● Goya is the subject of tonight's THREE PAINTERS essay by Sir Lawrence Gowing (BBC 2, 9.35pm). It is as much an impertinence as an irrelevance to say that Sir Lawrence has omitted nothing about the artist that really matters, but I feel I must make the point because it is precisely the all-encompassing nature of Christopher Burstall's series – the character of the painter is inextricably bound together with the character of the paintings – that leaves us feeling replete if our appetite for artistic enlightenment extends beyond merely wanting to understand the mystical process that begins when paint is put on canvas. I shall, for example, never be able to look at Goya's portrait of the haughty Duchess of Osuna again without heeding Sir Lawrence's advice about not regarding her in too dignified a light because, in reality, she once came to blows with another duchess for the attentions of a matador. And through Sir Lawrence's eyes we can fully appreciate the self-sufficiency of the dog dozing in the lap of the lady shaded by a green parasol.

● THE STING (BBC 1, 9.30pm), Ian La Frenais's second contribution to the *Lovejoy* comedies, has an improbability about it that is quite breathtaking. And therein lies its high entertainment content. I don't know what antiques dealers and auctioneers think about the underhand practices that underpin the fun and games in these stories, but if they have any sense, they will just lay back and chuckle because it is absolutely impossible to take anything in *Lovejoy* seriously. "There is nothing wrong with good, honest forging," someone says in tonight's episode. If I thought there was a documentary element in *Lovejoy*, I would probably deplore such a sentiment. But, in the context of this most diverting series, it passes for something very like common sense.

● Radio choice: John Lill's all-Beethoven piano sonata recital, including the Appassionata and the Hammerklavier (Radio 3, 7.30pm and 8.35) . . . And there is another chance (Radio 4, 9.05am) to hear Maureen Lipman's choice of DESERT ISLAND DISCS. I like the relaxed and affable way Michael Parkinson is doing Roy Plomley's old job. If those tut-tutters who initially disapproved of his selection haven't yet been won over to his side, I suspect it is because they just haven't given him a proper hearing.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.

9.35 Daytime on Two: French conversation for beginners. 9.52 Part three of The Boy from Space. 10.15 Maths: symmetry. 10.38 The second part of the historical drama, The Silver Buckle. 11.00 Behind the scenes of a hospital in Scotland. 11.22 Stevenage – the first 40 years. 11.44 The disabled at work.

12.05 The third programme in the series about the capabilities of micros. 12.35 Computers in education (ends at 1.00). 1.10 Why atoms join together as molecules. 1.33 The East and West ideologies. 2.00 The friendship of three girls suffers when one of them begins dating a boy. 2.30 English: communicating orders and instructions. 2.50 Ceefax.

3.55 Count Me In. Antony Johns tries gymnastics. 4.10 Heathcliff – The Cat. Cartoon series (r). 4.15 Jackanory. Part five of The Iron Man, by Ted Hughes. 4.30 Secrets Out. Odd hobbies quiz.

4.55 Newsround Extra. Children in Northern Ireland talk about their future.

5.10 Grange Hill (Ceefax).

5.35 News summary with subtitles. Weather.

5.40 Film: The Man Who Could Work Miracles* (1936) starring Roland Young and Ralph Richardson. A shy draper's assistant is chosen by a group of Heaven-domiciled beings to be the recipient of the power to work miracles. Directed by Lothar Mendes.

7.00 Micro Live. This week's edition includes a visit to a garden centre that uses a database to help their customers find the plants they need.

7.30 Ebony. Among the items is an examination of the reasons behind the refusal to allow the anti-semitic Fara Khan into this country.

8.00 Travellers in Time. The story of Captain Irving Johnson and his 11,000 miles voyage from Hamburg to Chile via Cape Horn made in 1929 (r).

8.30 Gardeners' World tests a range of heating systems for seed germination.

9.00 Tom O'Connor. The entertainer takes a look at sales and shops.

9.35 Three Painters. Sir Lawrence Gowing explores paintings by Goya (see Choice).

10.15 Did You See . . . ? Ludovic Kennedy is joined by Andrei Konchalovsky, Johnny Speight and Victoria Wood. The programmes reviewed are Comrades, Comrade Dad, and Josephine Baker.

11.00 Newsnight. 11.45 Weather.

11.50 Film: Morgan – A Suitable Case for Treatment* (1966) starring David Warner. The story of artist and social misfit, Morgan Delt, and the efforts of his wife (Vanessa Redgrave) to get him to lead a normal life. Directed by Karel Reisz. Ends at 1.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 A Question of Economics. The first of a two-part examination of the pros and cons of the privatization of medicine (r).

3.00 Dance Matinee, introduced by Ben Kingsley. Two ballets from leading choreographers and dance companies in Britain today. Ghost Dances, created by Christopher Bruce for the Ballet Rambert in 1982, takes its theme and its music from South America. The music is played by Incantation on pan-pipes, reed flute and guitars; Troy Game, created by Robert North in 1974 for the London Contemporary Dance Theatre, is an energetic work for six male dancers (r).

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Leonard Cook of Retford.

5.00 I Dream of Jeannie. Unbeknown to Jeannie she leaves Tony only a few inches tall when she goes shopping, and the hapless Tony is threatened by a cat.

5.30 The Tube, presented by Jools Holland, Paula Yates and Muriel Gray. Performing live this evening are The Damned, Del Fuegos, Propaganda and Midge Ure; on video are The Housemartins and Wet, Wet, Wet.

7.00 Channel Four news with Peter Sissons. Weather.

7.30 Right to Reply. Sir Geoffrey Chandler accuses Jane Gabriel's series, Greece – the Hidden War, of being a perversion of history.

8.00 What the Papers Say. Angela Gordon, editor of The Times diary, casts her critical eye over how the Press has been treating the week's news.

8.15 A Week in Politics, introduced by Peter Jay. Live from Ulster, Protestant reaction to the by-election results.

9.00 Athletics. Jim Rosenthal presents the action from RAF Cosford, the venue of the Pearl Assurance AAA/WAAA Indoor Championships. The commentators are Alan Parry and Peter Matthew.

9.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? The first of a new series, first shown on Ulster Television, examining some of the picturesque private gardens of Northern Ireland. Tonight's programme comes from the Craigavon garden of rhododendron enthusiasts Raymond and Maureen Hunter.

10.00 Cheers. As a taster for the start of next week's new series, a repeat of the final programme of the last series in which Frasier proposes to Diane (Oracle).

10.30 From the Horse's Mouth. The second and final film about the method of drug and alcohol addiction treatment known as the Minnesota Model (Oracle).

11.30 Film: Billy Liar!* (1963) starring Tom Courtenay as the young man who takes refuge from his complicated world in a series of fantasies. Directed by John Schlesinger.

1.15 Close.

Radio 4

On long wave. † also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.†

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50 Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Desert Island Discs. Michael Parkinson talks to Maureen Lipman (r).†

9.45 The Armada Revenged. Fourth of six talks on Spain by Ray Gosling. Today: No Curry in Catalonia (r).

10.00 News; International Assignment.

10.30 Morning Story: Lizzie by Val Lawrence. Read by Peter Wickham.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 1).†

11.00 News; Travel; Pillars of Society. Hugo Young examines the Bar, pillar of the legal sysyem, in the first of six programmes about leading institutions (r).

11.48 Natural Selection. The duck-billed platypus. With Professor Mike Stoddart.

12.00 News; The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper. Today: appealing to the women.

12.27 In One Ear. Comedy.† 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour from Manchester. Includes an interview with Lord and Lady Monkswell.

3.00 News; The Screech Owls by Balzac (final episode).†

4.00 News.

4.05 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . Pretension. With Alfred Marks (r).

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Last night's edition, repeated. Includes comment on the film Dreamchild; and the Scottish Opera production of Il trovatore (r).

5.00 PM: News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 Going Places. Clive Jacobs and his team monitor the world of travel and transport.

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Pick of the Week. TV and radio extracts presented by Margaret Howard.†

8.20 Law in Action. With Joshua Rozenberg.

8.45 Any Questions? Sir Denis Forman, Michael Winner, Lord Marsh and Dame Judith Hart tackle issues raised by the audience in Quorn, Leicestershire.

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Medieval Players' tour.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Wind, Sand and Stars by Antoine de Saint-Exupery (5). Reader: John Bennett. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.00 Today in Parliament.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Week Ending. Satirical view of the week's news.†

12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather: Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 3.00-5.00 Ulster By-Election Special. Seamus McKee and the BBC Radio Ulster news team with the latest results and analysis. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Deutscher Club.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Berlioz's overture Beatrice and Benedict (SNO); Grieg's Peer Gynt suite No 1 (Berlin PO); Lutoslawski's Paganini Variations (Argerich and Freire, pianos); Stravinsky's Violin Concerto (Perlman with the Boston SO).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Schubert's Fantasia in F minor, D940 (Eschenbach and Frantz, pianos); Sibelius's Symphony No 5 (Philharmonia).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Chabrier. L'île heureuse: Toutes les fleurs (Laplante, tenor and Lachance, piano); Aubade; Ballabile; Caprice; Feuillet d'album; Ronde champetre (Casadesus, piano); songs including Villanelle des petits canards, and Les cigales (Cuenod, tenor; Parsons, piano); Bouree fantasque (Ousset, piano); Ode a la musique (Micheau, soprano; Chorale Elisabeth Brasseur and Paris Conservatoire Orchestra).†

10.00 French Oboe Music: Sara Watkins (oboe) and Martin Isepp (piano). Poulenc's Oboe Sonata; Ibert's Escale No 2; Dutilleux's Oboe Sonata.†

10.30 Langham Chamber Orchestra (under Jiri Starek). Elgar's Serenade in E minor, Op 20; Janacek's Suite for Strings; Holst's St Paul's Suite.†

11.20 Piano recital: Ian Brown plays Beethoven's Sonata in E flat, Op 81a; Copland's Variations; Rachmaninov's Four Studies-tableaux, Op 39, Nos 1, 2, 5, and 9.†

12.15 BBC Philharmonic (under Rosen), with Maurice Borque (oboe). Part one. Dvorak's Scherzo capriccioso; Martinu's Symphony No 6.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Musical Times Past: presented by Fritz Spiegl.†

1.20 Concert: part two Strauss's Oboe Concerto; Roussel's Bacchus and Ariadne: suite No 2.†

2.05 Turkish Classical Music: Traditional Instrumental Ensemble play Taksim (Mansur Ney solo and Ud solo) and Peshrev (Instrumental Ensemble).†

2.30 Borodin String Quartet: B Borodin's String Quartet No 1 in A. Interval reading at 3.10. At 3.15, Tchaikovsky's String Quartet No 2 in F, Op 22.†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from St Michael's College, Tenbury Wells.† 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure. A musical journey down the Thames with Rodney Slatford.†

6.30 Music for Guitar: Costas Cotsiolis plays Bach's Lute Suite No3; and Leo Brouwer's Tres baladas del Decameron Negro (from the 1985 Esztergom International Guitar Festival).†

7.05 Mozart: The ECO under Britten play the Symphony No 25.†

7.30 Beethoven: Part one John Lill (piano) plays the Sonata in E flat, Op 27 No 1; and the Sonata in F minor, Op 57.†

8.15 Starlit Corridors: an anthology of verse about space and space travel, compiled by Alan Bold. The readers: Nigel Graham, Richard Derrington and Patricia Gallimore.

8.35 Beethoven recital: Sonata in B flat, Op 106 (Hammerklavier).†

9.30 Britten and Holst: Patricia Taylor (mezzo), Wynford Evans (tenor), Stephen Varcoe (baritone), Christopher Bowers-Broadbent (organ and piano), with BBC Singers and Orchestra of St John's Smith Square (under Lubbock). Britten's Cantata Misericordium, Op 69; and Holst's A Choral Fantasia, Op 51.†

10.15 New Premises: another edition of Stephen Games's arts magazine.†

11.00 Emil Gilels: piano recordings. Schumann's Vier Nachstucke, Op 23; and Chopin's Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58.†

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 8.00 and 9.00pm). Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. Sports Desk 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf) only, 9.55.

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Jimmy Young. Plus legal problems answered by Bill Thomas. 1.05pm David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford goes behind the scenes to discover what makes London's Ritz so special. 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night with Maryetta and Vernon Midgley, and Cantabile. Includes 8.20-8.40 Interval: Gwen Grindley's musical pilgrimage around Canterbury.† 9.30 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Mooney's Monday Magazine with Pat Mooney. 10.30 John Brecknock Sings. 11.00 Stuart Hall (stereo on midnight). 1.00am Jean Challis presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Paul Jordan. 5.30 Bruno Brookes. 7.30 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show with Tommy Vance.† VHF Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am, as Radio 2. 10.00pm, as Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am, as Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Juke Box Jury. 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Sound of Strings. 8.30 Music Now. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Poets on Music. 10.00 News. 10.01 Sing Gospel. 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 In The Meantime. 11.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Jazz For The Asking. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 John Peel. 2.00 News. 2.01 Outlook. 2.45 Letterbox. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Les Miserables. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Science In Action. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter from Northern Ireland. 5.15 Sarah and Company. 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Music Now. 9.45 Foreign Affairs. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 Letter from Northern Ireland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 From The Weeklies. 11.30 Talking About Music. 12.00 News. 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 About Britain. 12.45 Recording Of Week. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Sing Gospel. 1.45 Letterbox. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 People And Politics. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Quote, Unquote. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 That's Trad. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC1 Wales: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 1.15-1.20 News. Scotland: 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 10.25-10.55 Left, Right and Centre. Northern Ireland: 11.30am-12.30pm Northern Ireland Election Special. 1.00-5.35 Northern Ireland Election Special. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Northern Ireland Election Special. 1.15-1.20 News and weather. England: 12.00-12.30pm North-East only. The Allotment Show. 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazine.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30-3.30 Film: Kidnapped (Michael Caine). 6.00-7.00 About Anglia. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film:Bunny Lake is Missing* 1.10am Gospel at the Bygones Barn, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00 Arcade. 2.30 Hotel. 3.30-4.10 Glenroe. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 That's What You Think! 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 What's On Where. 10.35 Moviemakers. 11.10 Film: Study in Terror. 12.50am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30-3.30 Film: The Stick-up (David Soul). 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Central Weekend. 12.00 Film: Eating Raoul. 1.40am Closedown.

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HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30-3.30 Film: California Gold Rush. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Good Neighbour Show. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 The Year Was . . . 1964. 11.15 Film: A Distant Scream. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES: As HTV West except: 9.30am-12.00 Schools. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales At Six. 10.30-11.00 Survival of the Fittest. 11.00-12.25am Film: A Distant Scream.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Family Ties. 2.00 Taro Nodyn. 2.20 Stori Sbri. 2.35 Cipolwg. 2.55 Interval. 3.05 Film: Fire Over England*. 4.50 Y Corachod. 5.00 Mica. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.00 Caryl. 8.30 Fel 'na Mae! 9.15 Film: Ill Fares the Land. 10.40 Athletics. 11.10 Ghosts in the Machine. 12.05am Week in Politics. 12.50 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.25 Help Yourself. 1.30 Film: Tread Softly*. 2.55 Home Cookery. 3.00-3.30 Wish You Were Here . . .? 6.00-6.30 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Film: Black Carrion. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Country Practice. 2.30-4.00 On the Market. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Report. 7.30-8.30 Shindig. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 The Master. 12.05am Wanted – Dead or Alive. 12.35 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Mr and Mrs. 2.00 Arcade. 2.30 Hotel. 3.30-4.00 Glenroe. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30-7.00 That's What You Think! 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 Facing South. 11.10 Film: Study in Terror. 12.50am Company, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Wish You Were Here . . .? 2.00 Film: Genevieve* (John Gregson). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.30-7.00 Funny You Should Say That! 10.30 Border Live. 11.30 Sweeney. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Farm Aid. 3.20 Cartoon. 3.25-3.30 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.30-7.00 What Would You Do? 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.32 Extra Time. 11.00 Film: Grip of the Strangler* (Boris Karloff). 12.30am Three's Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Profiles in Rock. 2.00 Yellow Rose. 3.00-3.30 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 North Tonight. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Crossfire. 11.00 Film: Troffenberg Terror. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30am-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 News. 1.30 Film: Kidnapped (Michael Caine). 3.25-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-7.00 What's Ahead. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.32 Film: The Big Red One (Lee Marvin). 12.30am Postscript, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30-1.00 Search for Wealth. 1.20 By-Elections. 2.00 Little House on the Prairie. 3.00 Mr and Mrs. 3.30-4.00 Personal View. 6.00-7.00 By-Elections. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Witness. 10.35 Falcon Crest. 11.30 Barney Miller. 11.55 Show Express. 12.20am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: On the Fiddle (Sean Connery). 3.15 Man Makes a Desert. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30-7.00 Cosby Show. 7.30-8.30 Knight Rider. 10.30 Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy (Vanessa Redgrave). 1.15am Closedown.

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ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS. 730 2554 OURSELVES ALONE by Anne Devlin. Eves 7.30. Sat Mats 3.30. Must end Feb 8.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY by Roald Dahl New Music Production of 'Best Loved Children's book'. Until Feb 15. Tickets £2.75-£8 Some ½ price seats for Children. JEANNE-The Musical, 22 Feb-5 April. 7.30pm. Prevs & 1st Night ½ price.

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VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 THIS WEEK AND UNTIL FEB 1 No public performances due to Television filming NORMAL PERFORMANCES OF MICHAEL CRAWFORD in BARNUM recommence Monday Feb 3 Evgs 7.30, Mats Sat only 2.45 BOX OFFICE OPEN MON-SAT, 9AM-9PM, FOR CURRENT BOOKING PERIOD FEB 3 TO APRIL 26 Box Office also open Sundays 11am-7pm for credit card telephone bookings only

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/379 6433, 741 9999. Grps 930 6123 836 3962. Eves 8.0 Wed Mat 3.0 Sat 5.0 & 8.15 SUE TOWNSEND'S THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾ Music & Lyrics by KEN HOWARD & ALAN BLAIKLEY "LIVELY, SPARKISH HUMOUR," Gdn COMPULSIVELY ENTERTAINING" S.Exp "HILARIOUS" Obs LONDON RUN ENDS 22 FEB PRIOR TO NATIONAL TOUR

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/379 6433. Groups 836 3962. REDUCED PRICE PREVIEWS from 26 Feb. Opens 3 Mar 7pm Mon to Fri 8pm. Wed mats 3pm, Sats 5 & 8.30. CAFE PUCCINI by ROBIN RAY based on the life & music of GIACOMO PUCCINI

YOUNG VIC 928 6363. Last 3 perfs Today 2pm & 7.30. Tomor Arthur Miller's THE CRUCIBLE. "Nail-bitingly vital theatre" FT. "Thrillingly, ringingly alive" C Limits. "Among the best things they have done" D.Tel. CC 379 6433.

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 Til Feb 1 Eves 7 45 JOE ORTON'S Funeral Games & Gorilla in the Roses.

CINEMAS

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVE W1 Sun Jan 26 at 2.30 one show only of Michael Cimino's HEAVEN'S GATE (18) full version 70mm stereo "Perhaps the most original and imaginative large scale film America has produced since the war" N Andrews F Times. Tickets £3.50 4.50 Book now by Access Visa 836 8606.

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. REUBEN, REUBEN (15) at 2 30 (not Sun), 4.30, 6.40 & 8 50. LAST WEEKS. ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Italy's outstandingly beautiful FORGET VENICE (18). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Sun at 4 10, 6.20, 8 35. ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. THE WANDERER (Le Grand Meaulnes (PG). Progs. 4.00, 6.10, 8.20.

CAMDEN PLAZA 485 2443 (Opp Camden Town Tube) Peter Greenaway's A ZED & TWO NOUGHTS (15). Film at 1.45, 4 00, 6.20, 8.45.

CHELSEA CINEMA 351 3742 Kings Road (nearest Tube Sloane Sq) Michel Deville's DEATH IN A FRENCH GARDEN (18) Film at 1 00 3.00 5.00 7 00 9.00. Seats Bookable for last eve perf

CURZON MAYFAIR, Curzon Street. 499 3737. Coral Browne, Ian Holme in Dennis Potter's DREAMCHILD (PG). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8 40.

CURZON WEST END, Shaftesbury Avenue. W1. 439 4805 Glenda Jackson, Ben Kingsley in TURTLE DIARY (PG). Film at 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20 & 8.40. LAST WEEK from Fri Jessica Lange in SWEET DREAMS (15).

GATE CINEMA, Notting Hill Gate. 727 4043. newly renovated new luxury seating, Dolby stereo. KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN (18). 2.15, 4.30, 6.50, 9.05. L. night Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 11.15. Advanced booking, no membership required.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 6111 (Enq) / 839 1759 (24 hour Access Visa Bookings). ROCKY IV (PG) in 70mm. Sep progs daily 12.55, 3.30, 6.10, 8 50. Late Night Show Nightly 11.45pm. All Progs Bookable in Advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA 379 3014/836 0691 St Martin's Lane WC2 (Leicester Sq Tube) William Hurt in KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN (15) Film at 1.25, 3 45, 6.10, 8.40. LATE SHOW 11.15pm Sats only. Lic Bar. SEATS BOOKABLE for Eve Perfs

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ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) SILVERADO (PG) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.45, 4.45, 7.45 Reduced prices for under 16s. Student card holders, UB40 holders, OAPs.

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Three Britons die in Delhi hotel inferno

By Our Foreign Staff

A fire swept through the lower floors of a Delhi luxury hotel yesterday killing 38 people, including three Britons and two foreign diplomats.

Police said at least 45 people were injured in the early-morning blaze, many of them guests who escaped from the 10-storey building in their nightclothes, some by sliding down knotted sheets.

Two of the British victims were engineers employed by the Manchester-based company, Allott and Lomax, who were on a two-week business trip to India. They were indentified as John Medland, aged 42, married, from Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Thomas Pinkey, aged 36, father of three, from Sale, Greater Manchester.

Mr David Compston, a director of the firm, who confirmed the indentities, said: "Both were senior members of staff and were very popular. Everyone here is horrified."

The third Briton killed was Michael Woolgar, aged 33, a business executive, from Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire. He was married with an 18-month-old son and worked for rubber manufacturers BTR Silvertown Ltd. He was on an 18-day sales trip to India and was due back in Britain next Tuesday.

A British High Commission spokesman in Delhi said a further 10 Britons escaped the blaze.

Delhi police said 17 of the 22 foreign victims had been identified, including the three Britons, two Australians, a Japanese, a Bulgarian, a Russian, an American, an Iraqi and diplomats for West Germany and Argentina.

The fire broke out after midnight in the basement banquet hall of the Siddharth Continental hotel and gutted the three lower floors, sending black smoke pouring through lift shafts and ventilators. It spread quickly and was brought under control after more than six hours by 250 firefighters and 65 fire engines.

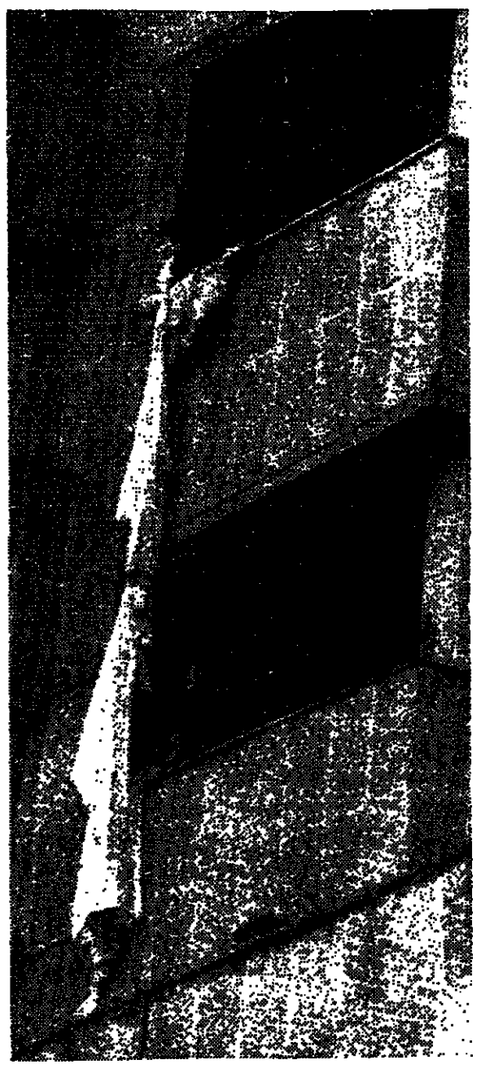
The Delhi police chief, Mr Ued Marwah, said arson was suspected. The investigation was handed over to an anti-terrorist cell set up in the capital recently, chiefly aimed against Sikh militants. There was no immediate arrest.

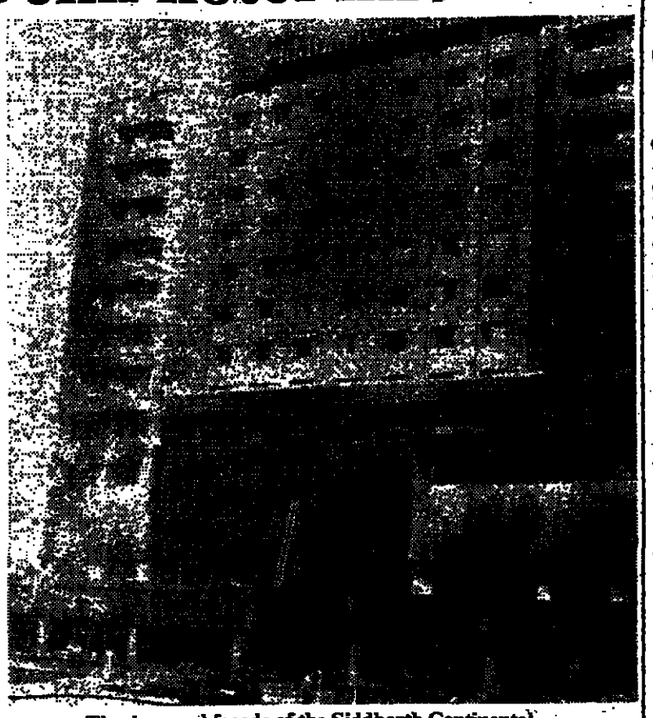
Police are also investigating reports by survivors that the hotel's sprinkler system and fire alarm did not work. There were at least 185 guests sleeping in their rooms when the fire started. The injured also included eight firemen and seven policemen.

Fire officials said bodies were found right up to the top floor of the four-year-old hotel. Two people were burnt to death and the rest suffocated.

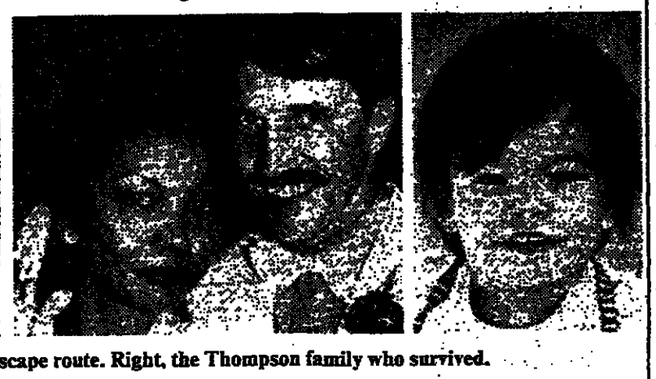
The two diplomats among the dead were Juan Javier Rinaldini, minister at the Argentine Embassy, and Gunther Gerlack of West Germany who had just arrived in India.

Frau Gerlack was also found dead, and the wife of the Argentine diplomat is in critical condition in hospital.





The damaged facade of the Siddharth Continental.



Knotted sheets illustrate the guests' escape route. Right, the Thompson family who survived.

'Chaos, panic and smoke everywhere'

A British survivor described yesterday how he fought through dense smoke with his wife and two-year-old daughter to reach a fire escape and scramble to safety.

"I was awake and heard shouting from other guests and saw smoke coming through the door," Mr Brian Thompson, aged 32, from Liverpool, said. He was staying on the eighth floor of the hotel with his pregnant wife, Kartini, and daughter, Canya.

"We wrapped wet towels around our heads and ran towards the fire exit. There was chaos and panic with smoke everywhere. We could see flames out of the window.

"We found our way to the exit and the staff were very good ushering people down. The fire engines seemed to take ages to get there", said Mr Thompson who had stopped in Delhi on his way from Afghanistan to Thailand.

Another survivor, British company executive Mr D. C. Bessey, told the Press Trust of India: "I wrapped a wet towel round my head and groped my way through dark corridors to reach the fire escape."

British businessman George Allen said he escaped suffocation because he and three colleagues had prised open locked windows with spanners a few days earlier.

"We were sleeping and suddenly woke up after smelling smoke . . . we ran and ran and finally came out of the hotel", one foreign couple said.

Peres steps up pressure on Husain to drop PLO

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Yesterday he had talks with opposition leaders, MPs and Mr Leon Brittan, the Secretary for Trade and Industry, and was entertained to lunch at *The Times*.

According to Israeli sources King Husain, who held talks in London with Mr Murphy and Mrs Thatcher immediately before Mr Peres's arrival, intends to give Mr Arafat one last chance to accept the three conditions which he laid down for PLO representation in a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation for direct talks with Israeli.

These conditions are intended to provided the Jordanian monarch with firm guarantees that the PLO would be committed to negotiating a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli problem on the basis of UN Security Council resolution 242.

The Israelis are virtually certain Mr Arafat will not accept. The king will then try to find alternative Palestinians to join his team, possibly from among West Bank leaders or Palestinian members of the Jordanian Parliament.

The Israelis are being careful not to identify which Palestinians they would find acceptable. Although not prepared to accept PLO members, they would not reject Palestinians with close links to the PLO.

In his speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs on Wednesday Mr Peres deliberately made a number of conciliatory references towards the Palestinians.

Reiterating Israel's commitment to grant full autonomy to the people of the West Bank and Gaza, he said an accord would "facilita Palstinian self-expression."

Mr Peres and Mr Murphy have now reached the point of discussing the fine detail of what shape direct talks between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation might take, as well as the format of an international conference to set the talks in motion.

Mrs Thatcher has accepted an invitation to go to Israel, although no dates have yet been fixed. She will be the first prime minister to visit the Jewish state while in office.

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Letter from Cyprus

Untaxed afterlife in the dead zone

Pyla is in the "dead zone" but it should have come back to life years ago. It does, after all, boast a population of 1,200, two schools, two churches, a mosque and a once-a-month meeting between the Greek mayor and the Turkish *mukhtar*. It is the only village in Cyprus where – through a geographical freak of the 1974 Turkish invasion – Greek and Turkish Cypriots still live together.

It should be a showpiece hamlet, a model mixed community for the new federal Cyprus about which both President Kyprianou and Mr Denktas, the Turkish leader, speak so interminably. But it is not.

True, the Greek Cypriots indulge in a little illegal gambling in the Turkish Cypriot coffee shop because the Greek Cypriot police in plain clothes are not allowed into Turkish houses and because the Turkish-Cypriot police in plain clothes are not allowed to arrest Greeks in Pyla. True, the moustachioed figure of Pedros Rasiliou walks across from his Greek restaurant to shop at Nayer Celabi's Turkish grocery store where the whiskey imported from the Turkish Cypriot side of the ceasefire line is £6 cheaper than the scotch brought from the Greek Cypriot port of Larnaca.

Costas Medites, the precise Greek Mayor, and Mustafa Mehmet, the Turkish *mukhtar*, declare that they are friends. And down upon their little village from his wooden eyrie on the roof of Pedros' draughty cafe stares a young Swedish Army sergeant of the United Nations, which "polices" – if such a word has any meaning in Pyla – the lives of the 800 Greek Cypriots and 400 Turkish Cypriots who live there.

Pyla's recent history is a simple one. When the Turkish Army mapped out its Attila Line at the end of its invasion of Cyprus, its forward troops stood on a little bluff above Pyla's ruined castle while the retreating Greeks clung to the barley fields on the other side of town. So, when the UN moved into the ceasefire line between the two armies, they found Pyla still intact, its population still living uneasily together, just as it had done in the pre-war years. Being in the "dead zone", neither Greeks nor Turks could lay claim to it: which is why Pyla has no town hall, no court, no traffic police.

But appearances can be deceptive. If Mr. Medites speaks cordially about his Turkish neighbours, you don't have to question him for long before his mood changes. The Turks, he announces, don't pay their taxes. "We have to pay for the electricity and the water and the rubbish collection but they don't pay anything, why not?"

Across the square at Nayer Celabi's grocery store, her husband Rifat, who drives the Turkish bus to Famagusta, supplies his own answer. "Before 1974, all of us Turks were harassed and intimidated by the Greeks. Their young men had guns and stopped us at road blocks. Then they took over our cooperative and took our savings. If the Turkish Army was not n the hill above us, we would leave today. No, we don't pay taxes – we will when there's a settlement. Maybe my son will have to pay one day. Maybe his grandson will pay for electricity. Not me."

Other economic factors govern Pyla. Its unique position allows smugglers to move cheap goods – drinks, packaged foods, sports clothes, fruits and vegetables – through the Turkish Army lines, into Pyla and then down the narrow Larnaca road.

One hundred yards down the lane to Larnaca, Erdinc Alnar is teaching 29 Turkish primary schoolchildren in a little stone classroom which has a Turkish flag on its roof. He has no problems with the Greeks, he says. But on the classroom walls are stern portraits of Kemal Ataturk and an old exhortation from the founder of the modern mainland Turkish state. "A Turk's first duty is to defend his nation", it says, which is not likely to induce anyone to pay his telephone bill.

Robert Fisk

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibition

The Photographic Art: satellite exhibition; Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh: Mon to Sat 11 to 10pm, Sun 12 to 10pm (ends Feb 8).

Music

Concert by Capricorn; Theatre, Liverpool University, 7.30.

Concert by the Coull String Quartet, Newton Abbot Community Centre, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter University, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Guildhall, Southampton, 8.

Talks, lectures

Wild knitting, by Shirley Cameron; Lecture Theatre, Castle Museum, Nottingham, 2.30.

Classical Rome and pre industrial London, by Prof Keith Hopkins, Library Seminar Room, 2.15; Striped apples and pet fish: how fuzzy concepts combine, by Dr J Hampton, Astley Clarke Building, 2.15; Discipline and the growing child, by Prof Martin Herbert, Vaughan College, 7; Leicester University.

William Barnes in Dorchester, by Dr Alan Chedzoy; Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, 7.30.

General

Book Fair; Dolphin and Anchor Hotel, West Street, Chichester, 2 to 8, tomorrow 10 to 5.

The World of Watercolours and Drawings fair; Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, London, today and tomorrow 11 to 8, Sun 11 to 7 (ends Sun).

Exhibitions in progress

From Al to Medway: photographs by Paul Graham; Ramsgate Library Gallery, Guildford Lawn; Mon to Wed 9.30 to 6, Thurs to Sat 9.30 to 5, Fri 9.30 to 8, closed Sun (ends Feb 12).

Pollok Park Local Plan; Burrell Collection (ends Feb 2); The Age of Oak (ends Jan 30); Burrell Collection, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5.

Paintings and watercolours by Philip Wilson Steer; Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington St, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 10 to 2 and 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5, closed Mon (ends March 31).

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Only one lane available southbound between junctions 25 and 26 (Taunton and Wellington); hard shoulder and inside lane closed. A361: Temporary lights on Braunton Rd and Newport Rd, Barnstaple. A499: Roadworks on the Caernarfon to Pwllheli road between Llanwnda and Glynllifon, Gwynedd.

The North: M1: Various lane closures for bridge repairs at junction 32, South Yorkshire. A66: Resurfacing between Mount Pleasant Farm and Greta Bridge, Co Durham; temporary tights. A1: Both outside lanes closed on Agricola Bridge (Catterick bypass); widening on central reservation.

Scotland: A72: Single line traffic and temporary lights (24 hours) between junction 3 of the M74 (Larkhall interchange) and Barrion Bridge on the A71, Lanarkshire. A7: Single line traffic between 8am and 4pm six miles N to Stow.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect of Blenheim Palace, London, 1664; William Congreve, dramatist, Bardsey, Yorkshire, 1670; Frederick II (the Great), King of Prussia 1740-86, Berlin, 1712; Pierre-Augustin de Beaumarchais, dramatist, Paris, 1732; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1749; Sir Edwin Chadwick, social reformer, Longsight, Manchester, 1800.

Deaths: Lord Randolph Churchill, statesman, London, 1895; Amedeo Modigliani, painter, Paris, 1920; Sir Winston Churchill, prime minister 1940-45, 1951-55, London 1965.

Food prices

Supplies of excellent quality fish should be available everywhere this week due to improved weather conditions. Herring, mackerel, sprats and sardines are particularly good in the south, lemon soles better in the north and Midlands. Nationally, cod steaks or fillets are the best buy. The average price of large cod fillets stable at £1.73 a lb, haddock fillets are up 2p to £1.77, coley 91p, whiting £1.31, plaice down 3p to £1.91 and fresh mackerel 63p a lb. Smoked mackerel is unchanged at 99p, but kippers are up slightly at 97p.

Home produced lamb prices continued their upward trend and all cuts are up by a penny or two a lb. Whole leg ranges from £1.50 to £1.94 a lb, loin chops £1.68 to £2.10, middle neck 68p to £1 and whole shoulder 88p to £1.20 a lb. New Zealand lamb leg is down slightly to an average of £1.42 a lb, loin chops range from £1.20 to £1.60, best end chop 99p to £1.58, and shoulder at 59p to 94p a lb is better value.

Poultry is the best buy at most supermarkets and shops this week. Bejam, Shoppers Paradise, Sainsbury, Finefare and Tesco all have frozen chickens on offer from 43p to 49p a lb, and Safeway has poussin for 99p each. Other good meat buys include: Asda New Zealand leg of lamb £1.09, brasing steak £1.39; Dewhurst and Baxter New Zealand sides of lamb £10.99 each, whole shoulders 59p a lb. Bejam New Zealand leg of lamb 99p a lb, and pork chops at 95p a lb, Tesco boneless rolled shoulder of pork 96p a lb.

Marmalade oranges are widely available now at 25p to 40p a lb. These bitter oranges, not suitable for eating raw, have a short season, and this year's crop is very good. Clementines are the best soft citrus buy. Avocado supplies have increased and this has brought the price down. Conference and Comice pears, at 28p to 45p a lb, are excellent. Other good buys are Cape plums, Ruby Nels, Pickstones and Gaviotas 75-95p a lb. Potatoes 7p to 15p a lb, Brussels sprouts 18p to 32p a lb, primo cabbage 10p to 20p a lb, and mushrooms 30p to 55p half pound are all good buys.

The best salad ingredients are tomatoes 34-55p a lb, excellent celery 30p to 45p a head, cucumber 45p to 68p, and raw beetroot 15p to 20p a lb, cooked 28p to 35p a lb.

Top films

The top box-office films in London:

1	(1)	A Chorus Line
2	(2)	Back to the Future
3	(–)	Kiss of the Spider Woman
4	(–)	Death Wish 3
5	(3)	Year of the Dragon
6	(4)	Defence of the Realm
7	(6)	Letter to Brezhnev
8	(–)	Re-Animator
9	(9)	Plenty
10	(7)	My Beautiful Laundrette

The top films in the provinces:

1	Back to the Future
2	Prizzi's Honour
3	Plenty
4	Letter to Brezhnev
5	Supergrass

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Top video rentals

1	(1)	Ghostbusters
2	(2)	Gremlins
3	(3)	Beverly Hills Cop
4	(6)	Neverending Story
5	(4)	The Terminator
6	(5)	Runaway
7	(7)	The Last Starfighter
8	(8)	Water
9	(9)	Amadeus
10	(11)	The Killing Fields

Supplied by *Video Business*

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.030	1.815
Austria Sch	24.50	22.40
Belgium Fr	72.40	68.80
Canada $	2.01	1.92
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.25
Finland Mrk	7.85	7.45
France Fr	10.75	10.20
Germany DM	3.50	3.32
Greece Dr	280.00	230.00
Hong Kong $	11.10	10.60
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lire	2400.00	2270.00
Japan Yen	292.00	276.00
Netherlands Gld	3.94	3.75
Norway Kr	10.80	10.35
Portugal Esc	225.00	215.00
South Africa Rd	3.60	3.30
Spain Pta	215.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	10.92	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.97	2.82
USA $	1.44	1.37
Yugoslavia Dnr	530.00	490.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 378.9.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 3.2 at 1120.4.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Obscene Publications (Protection of Children, Etc) (Amendment) Bill, second reading.

Weather

A deep depression will become established with its centre near Denmark giving a strong flow over the country.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, NW, central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals with scattered showers, some heavy with snow or sleet in places; winds N or NW fresh to strong cold, max temp 5C (41F).

East Anglia, E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Sunny intervals with showers of snow or sleet, heavy and prolonged at times, especially near coasts; winds N, fresh to strong, locally gale; max temp 4C (39F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny intervals with showers, heavy at times; winds NW, fresh to strong locally gale at first; max temp 7C (45F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals with showers of snow or sleet, heavy and prolonged at times especially in exposed coastal or hilly areas; winds strong to gale; max temp 5C (41F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands: *Mainly cloudy with showers* or longer outbreaks of snow or sleet, heavy at times with drifting in places; winds N, strong to gale, locally storm at first; max temp 3C (37F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Sunny intervals and snow showers, becoming less frequent; rain reaching N Scotland on Sunday; becoming less windy, remaining cold.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind NW, severe gale to storm decreasing to gale, showers; visibility good; sea very rough. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NW gale or severe gale decreasing to strong, showers; visibility good; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW strong to gale decreasing to moderate, showers; visibility good; sea very rough becoming moderate.

Sun rises: 7.51 am. Sun sets: 4.35 pm. Moon sets: 7.32am. Moon rises: 2.27pm. Full Moon: January 28.

Lighting-up time

London 5.06 pm to 7.19 am
Bristol 5.15 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.56 pm to 7.50 am
Manchester 5.06 pm to 7.26 am
Penzance 5.32 pm to 7.36 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	3	37	Guernsey	r	9	48
Birmingham	s	6	43	Inverness	c	3	37
Blackpool	f	5	41	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	r	7	45	London	f	9	48
Cardiff	c	8	46	Manchester	c	5	41
Edinburgh	s	5	41	Newcastle	r	4	39
Glasgow	f	8	46	Scarborough	c	6	43

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (48F); min 6 pm to 9 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 9 pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 4.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 983.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

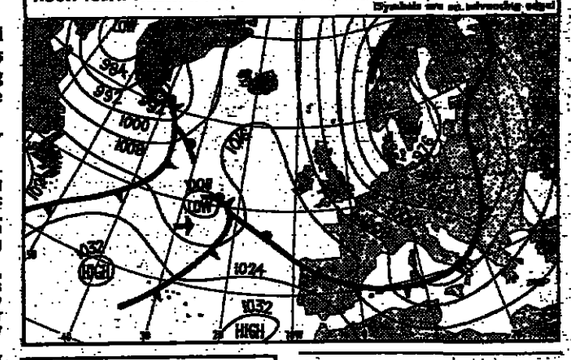
Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Dalwhinnie, 0.55in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.9hr.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be lifted today at approximately 1.45pm.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded Isobars are at intervals of 4mb



NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; l–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction; wind speed (mph) circled; temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	12.32	9.2	12.57	9.5
Aberdeen	12.17	3.6	12.31	3.9
Avonmouth	6.10	11.5	6.35	11.8
Belfast	10.9	3.2	10.27	3.5
Cardiff	5.55	10.6	6.20	10.9
Devonport	4.41	5.0	5.05	5.4
Dover	10.13	5.8	10.38	6.1
Falmouth	4.11	4.8	4.35	4.9
Glasgow	11.35	4.6	–	–
Harwich	10.50	3.6	11.11	3.8
Holyhead	9.29	6.0	9.49	6.3
Hull	5.20	6.3	5.37	6.5
Ilfracombe	4.55	8.0	5.19	8.3
Leith	1.29	4.8	1.55	4.9
Liverpool	10.17	8.3	10.38	8.5
Lowestoft	8.44	2.1	9.00	2.2
Margate	11.08	4.2	11.25	4.4
Milford Haven	5.18	6.1	5.39	6.3
Newquay	4.10	6.1	4.30	6.1
Oban	4.55	3.5	5.26	3.8
Penzance	3.41	5.1	4.04	4.8
Portland	5.55	7.8	6.10	7.7
Portsmouth	10.28	4.2	10.58	4.5
Shoreham	10.13	5.5	10.45	5.8
Southampton	9.57	4.1	10.22	4.1
Swansea	5.16	8.2	5.42	8.5
Tees	2.57	4.7	2.58	4.8
Weston-on-Haze	10.49	3.8	11.08	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	5.1	.02	5	41	Bright pm
Bridlington	5.7	.02	6	43	Sunny
Cromer	6.5	.02	6	43	Sunny
Lowestoft	5.7	.04	7	45	Sunny
Clacton	6.5	.01	7	45	Sunny
Margate	–	.02	9	48	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	3.6	.08	9	48	Bright
Hastings	4.6	.07	9	48	Bright
Eastbourne	4.3	.10	9	48	Bright
Brighton	2.3	.05	8	46	Shower pm
Worthing	3.3	.04	9	48	Bright
Littlehampton	1.0	.04	9	48	Bright
Bognor R	3.8	.04	9	48	Showers pm
Southsea	1.7	.05	9	48	Cloudy
Sandown	–	–	–	–	–
Shanklin	2.4	.10	10	50	Cloudy
Bournemth	1.8	.11	8	46	Showers
Poole	1.3	.11	9	48	Showers
Swanage	1.7	.15	9	48	Showers
Weymouth	2.1	.15	10	50	Bright pm
Exmouth	1.8	.11	9	48	Showers
Teignmouth	2.0	.11	9	48	Showers
Torquay	2.0	.15	9	48	Showers
Falmouth	–	–	–	–	–
Penzance	1.8	.31	10	50	Gale pm
Jersey	1.0	.28	10	50	Showers
Guernsey	1.7	.33	11	52	Showers

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Ilfracombe	–	.33	8	46	Showers
Tenby	3.3	.03	8	46	Cloudy
Colwyn Bay	3.8	.21	7	45	Sunny am
Southport	2.0	.50	6	43	Gale
Morecambe	6.7	.07	6	43	Showers
Douglas	2.4	.02	5	41	Hail pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	4.2	.03	9	48	Hail pm
S'hen (Airp)	5.7	–	7	45	Sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	3.9	.07	8	46	Showers
Cardiff (Ctrl)	1.1	.28	7	45	Hail pm
Aughnacy	6.5	.04	7	45	Sunny
S'pool (Airp)	2.5	.09	6	43	Showers
Manchester	0.2	.38	6	43	Showers
Nottingham	6.3	.07	6	43	Shower
N'cstl-n-Tyne	5.9	.01	5	41	Sunny
Carlisle	0.3	.01	4	39	Showers
SCOTLAND					
Edinburgh	5.0	.49	3	37	Showers
Prestwick	4.9	.53	6	43	Showers
Glasgow	6.5	.17	6	43	Sunny
Tiree	2.8	.18	5	41	Hail
Stornoway	–	.30	3	37	Hail
Lerwick	1.4	.22	2	36	Snow pm
Wick	1.9	.28	3	37	Snow pm
Kinloss	–	.06	4	39	Sleet
Aberdeen	2.0	.02	5	41	Sleet pm
Leuchars	5.4	.03	6	43	Showers
Edinburgh	5.9	.03	5	41	Sleet am
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	0.3	.10	4	39	Sleet am

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F		C	F	
Ajaccio	r	10	50	Cologne	r	7	45	Majorca	f	8	46	Rome	f	12	54
Alicante	s	15	59	Copenhagen	f	3	37	Malaga	f	15	59	Salzburg	c	1	34
Alexandria	f	18	64	Corfu	f	14	57	Malta	f	16	61	Sao Paulo	s	29	84
Algiers	c	15	59	Dublin	f	4	39	Melbourne*	s	20	68	St Petersburg*	s	0	32
Amsterdam	s	7	45	Dubrovnik	c	10	50	Mexico C*	s	17	63	Stockholm*	c	0	32
Athens	f	15	59	Faro	c	14	57	Miami*	s	25	77	Sochi*	s	1	34
Bahrain*	s	14	57	Florence	r	9	48	Milan	d	1	34	Singapore*	s	29	84
Barbados*	f	27	81	Frankfurt	r	7	45	Montreal*	c	2	36	Stockholm	c	0	32
Barcelona	f	13	55	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	sn	-2	28	Strasbourg	c	2	36
Beirut				Geneva	r	5	41	Munich	r	5	41	Sydney*	s	25	77
Belgrade	s	12	54	Gibraltar	s	16	59	Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier	s	16	61
Berlin	c	6	43	Helsinki	c	0	32	Naples	f	14	57	Tel Aviv	s	19	66
Bermuda*	f	20	68	Hong Kong	s	17	63	New Delhi	s	20	68	Tenerife	s	20	68
Biarritz	f	11	52	Innsbruck	c	2	36	New York*	s	11	52	Tokyo	s	14	57
Bordeaux	c	11	52	Istanbul	s	10	54	Nice	f	12	54	Toronto*	s	0	32
Brussels	f	8	46	Jersey	s	9	48	Oslo	c	2	36	Tunis	f	15	59
Budapest	s	10	50	Jo'burg*	f	23	73	Paris	r	10	50	Valencia	f	13	55
Buenos Aires*	s	26	97	Karachi	f	22	72	Peking	s	4	39	Vancouver*	s	6	43
Cairo	s	18	64	Las Palmas	c	19	66	Perth	s	35	95	Venice	f	6	43
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Lisbon	c	14	57	Prague	f	5	41	Vienna	f	4	39
Chicago	s	15	59	Locarno	c	3	37	Reykjavik	s	-2	28	Warsaw	f	1	34
Chicago*	f	2	36	L'Angeles*	c	15	59	Rhodes	f	15	59	Washington*	s	4	39
				Luxembourg	r	7	45	Riyadh	s	16	61	Wellington*	s	17	63
				Madrid	f	10	50	Rio de Jan*	s	30	86	Zurich	r	5	41

*Minimum Wednesday's figures are latest available

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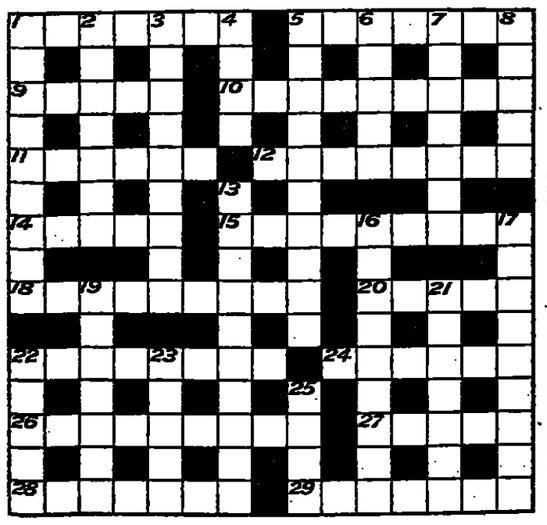

ACROSS

1 It's marvellous to be put in a carriage with courtesy (7).
5 Communicated with various dailies (7).
9 Thunderer article names girl (5).
10 Oxford inhabitant osculates wildly (4,5).
11 Two engineers put things right (6).
12 Lear was known to be so agreeable (8).
14 A university's beginning to study this poet (5).
15 Places for praying, or a political group (9).
18 No unseen cause for this anguish? (9).
20 Scrap producing dust up in mill (5).
22 It might well be called an outstanding talent (4,4).
24 Include £1 in capital for another (6).
26 Lure a king inside for a sail (9).
27 Colossal volley, or part of it (5).
28 Put out stories showing extreme optimism (7).
29 Soldier poet's courage (7).

DOWN

1 Consequences of following a dull husband (9).
2 Part of the Yard's guard for criminal (7).
3 Shelled head of republic (6,3).
4 You will no longer shout like this (4).
5 No profit on article like this (4,6).
6 Leaders of African country, coastal republic, are found here (5).
7 Nightingale's base a rustic disturbed (7).
8 Old copper on beat soundly stayed in place (5).
13 Unfair? Baseball certainly is! (3,7).
16 Start term in a slack period (3-6).
17 Had seat in Poplar, say? Useful for the cabinet (9).
19 Amnesty initially frees older relatives (7).
21 Astronomer one spotted in unnamed sailing-ship (7).
22 One who weeps, when beaten? (5).
23 Import substance (5).
25 Lightweight tot (4).

The solution of yesterday's qualifying puzzle, No 16,951 will appear on Monday, Feb 3

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
AUSTRIA							
Seefeld	80	140	good	powder	good	snow	0
New snow on good base							
St Anton	90	320	good	varied	good	snow	-1
Piste skiing excellent							
FRANCE							
Isola	80	100	good	heavy	good	cloud	1
New snow on a hard base							
La Plagne	150	190	good	fair	good	snow	-1
Good piste skiing							
Megève	95	180	good	fair	good	snow	-2
Snow falling on good base							
Merzine	30	160	fair	heavy	fair	rain	3
Rain spoiling piste skiing							
SWITZERLAND							
Andermatt	55	115	good	varied	fair	snow	-2
Ice patches on lower runs							
Davos	110	175	good	varied	good	snow	0
Superb skiing conditions							
Grindelwald	65	100	fair	heavy	fair	rain	1
Most lifts closed by high winds							
Murren	100	120	good	varied	good	rain	2
Wet snow on lower slopes							
Villars	55	170	good	powder	good	snow	-2
Powder on hard base							
Wengen	50	130	—	—	—	—	—
Upper runs closed by wind							

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